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# A REPORT

OF THE

# RECORD COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

# CITY OF BOSTON,

CONTAINING THE

## BOSTON RECORDS FROM 1700 TO 1728.

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The Record Commissioners herewith submit the eighth volume of the records which they have been empowered to print. It makes the third volume of the records of the town of Boston, the previous ones being the second and seventh volumes in the series. This volume ends with the meeting for September 30, 1728, — a date which has been fixed upon arbitrarily, inasmuch as it is at the close of one of the bound volumes of the original records in the City Clerk's office.

The "Index of Places and Subjects," for this book has also been prepared by Mr. John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk, as its insertion in the seventh volume was so generally approved.

The Commissioners have now in press a Ninth Report, which will contain Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Boston prior to A.D. 1700, from the town records, and the Baptisms from the First Church records; a Tenth Report comprising Miscellaneous Papers, dated prior to A.D. 1700, from the State archives and other sources; and they are reprinting the Third and Fourth Reports, which were out of print.

Copies of the First, Second, and Seventh Reports, which relate entirely to the history of the old town of Boston, can still be obtained on application at City Hall.

WILLIAM H. WHITMORE,
WILLIAM S. APPLETON,
*Record Commissioners.*

CITY HALL, BOSTON, December, 1882.

[Note. It will be found, on comparing the Seventh and Eighth Reports, that the last eight pages (232 to 239) of the original, which close the former book, are repeated at the beginning of this one. The oversight can only be excused by the plea that there is always a pressure to issue the volumes as soon as possible, and that at least nothing was lost. W. H. W.]

# BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

[232.] 1700. March 11th.

Att a Publick meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston, Upon Publick Warning according to Law, were Chosen the Town officers after named. Vizt.

Moderator — Capt. Nathª Byfield.

Selectmen — Daniel Oliver, Isaiah Tay, Joseph Prout, John Marion Junr, Tims Clark, Elizer Holioke, Obidiah Gill.

Town Clerk — Wm Griggs.

Town Treasur — James Taylor.

Overseers of ye Poor — Elisha Hutchinson, Esqr, John Eyre, Esqr, Nathª Oliver, Nathª Byfield, Esqr, Samll Lynde.

Constables — Benjª Fitch, Henry Hill, Wm Man, Wm Welsted, Wm Clark, Joseph Billings.

Constables — James Gooch, Joseph Dowden; for Rumney, Jesse Winthrop; for Muddiriver, Joseph Davis.

Surveyers — Thomas Walker, Sephen Minot, Jacob Malyne, John Goodwin; for Rumney Mersh, John Tuttle; for Muddiriver, John White & John Devotion.

Fence Viewers — Peter Wier, Samll Bridge, Tho. Barnard; for Rumney Mersh, John Brintnal & Hugh Floyd; for Muddiriver, Ralph Shepard & Nathª Holand.

Clerk of ye Market — Edward Procter, Robert Guttridge, Joseph Russell, Samll Russell, John Foreland, Richard Draper.

Sealers of Leather — James Maxwell, John Marrion, Senr, Silence Allen.

Tythingmen — No. 1. Wm Everton, Joseph William. No. 2. Tho. Jackson, Samll Turell. No. 3. John Jepson, Joseph Hillier. No. 4. Samll Jacklin, George Elisston. No. 5. Tho. Clark, Johon Edwards. No. 6. Richard Christopher, John Gerrish. No. 7. Benjª Hollowell, John Boreland. No. 8. Wm Gibbins, Samll Bridge. No. 9. Samll Townsend, James Bell.

Scavengers — Abra. Blish, James Mears, John Cotta, Senr, John Bucanon.

Hogreaves — Anthony Greenhill, Samll Burnell, Samll Bridge, Henry Emes, Samll Earle.

Measurs of Boards & Timbr — John Barnard, John Eustis.

Measurs of Grain — Alexandr Sherrerd, Job Ingraham, Samll Johnson.

Cryers — Gabrill Worner, Robert Shelstone.

[233.] 1700. March 11th.

It was voted that there shall be Overseer of the poor.

It was voted that there should be but Seven Selectmen.

It was voted that the Town should be at no Charge, To the maintaining the Water ways, Over at Winnicimet Ferry.

On the Consideration of mr. Taylors Serving of the Town in the place of Town Treasu$^{r}$ Eight years to the month of march Last past, & never Charged the Town any more then five pounds a year, for the same, & being far less, then really the Service is worth. Upon the Consideration forementioned,

It was Voted, That the Selectmen should Cause a piece of Plate to be made to the Value of Twenty pounds, & present the same to the sd. m$^{r}$. James Taylor as a small retaluation of his Service & Kindness to the Town.

And It was further Voted, That sd. Taylor for his Service, in sd. office the year past, shall be allowed Ten pounds.

m$^{r}$ Simeon Stoddard being Imployed, by the Selectmen, to buy Twenty Barrels of powder for the Town use, & m$^{r}$ James Taylor being Ordered by sd. Selectmen as he was Treasu$^{r}$ of the Town to receive sd. powder, into his Custadie and Care, affirms he never rec$^{d}$ any more then fifteen barrels of them, nor could never understand what was become of the Other five.

Therefor it was Voted, sd. James Taylor as Treasu$^{r}$ of the Town should sue sd. Simeon Stodderd, for the five barrels of the Town powder w$^{ch}$ is yet wanting.

Vpon the Petition of the Inhabitants of muddiriver, To be a District or Hamlet Seperate from the Town, for those reasons following, Namely the remoteness of their Situation, w$^{ch}$ renders them uncapable of Injoying Equal Bennifit & advantage w$^{ch}$ other of the Inhabitants, of Publick Schools, for the Instruction of their Children, Relief of their poor, & repairing of their high ways.

Their petition being read, & the reasons given theirin Debated. It was Voted in the negative, & That tho$^{u}$ they had not for some years, been rated in the Town rate yet for the time to come the Selectmen should rate them in the Town Tax, as the other inhabitants, & as formerly they use to be.

And for their Incouragement, It was Voted, that the Selectmen should provide a schoolmaster for them, To teach their Children to read, write, and cypher, & order him his pay out of the Town Treasury.

Some of the Inhabitant of the North end of the Town, stood up & requested that they might have the Libertie of a free school, for the Teaching to write & cypher.

It was voted in the affirmative, That the Selectmen, should agree w$^{th}$ a Schoolmaster for them, & order him his pay out of the Town Treasury.

The Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh Standing by and seeing the Town in so good a frame, also put in their request y$^{t}$. a free School might be granted them to Teach to Read, Write & Cypher.

It being put to the Town to know their minds, It was Voted, in the affirmative, with this proviso, That it did appear to the Selectmen, y$^{t}$ there were a Sutable Number of Children to Come to the School, Then the Selectmen Should agree with a School master to Teach their Children to read, Write, & Cypher, for w$^{ch}$ Service he should be payd out of the Town Treasury.

[234.] Vpon the Petition of Joseph Buckminster of muddiriver for a Committee to to be Chosen by the Town, to Lay out a high way to his Land, he hauing no high way there to, by Virtue of a Town Order, That all proprioters of Lots of Lands w$^{th}$in The Town & precinct thereof, w$^{ch}$ haue no high way Layd out to thier Lands, shall haue a high way Layd out thereto by a Committee Chosen and authorized by the sd. Town for that Purpose.

Sd. Buckminster Petition was read, & It was Voted, That

Capt. Theo$^{r}$. Frary
m$^{r}$. John Bennet
m$^{r}$. Joseph Prout

Should be a Committee, to view sd. Buckminsters Land, & make reports to y$^{e}$ Town, the next Gen$^{ll}$. Town meeting what may be proper to be done.

Vpon the Consideration of the great Charges this Town is at yearly from the Growing num$^{b}$. of poor amonge us & the great number Come in amonge us w$^{ch}$ has been occasioned by the Eastern warr w$^{th}$. the Indians, & other poor and Vild persons, y$^{t}$. has come in amonge ous, from other Towns, Our Town being so populous and they shifting from place to place, so long before they be descouered, that the law makes them Inhabitants, now these things do presage great poverty to be hastening upon this Town if some Sutable methods be not timely Taken to prevent the same. Vpon the Consideration of the things for mentioned,

It was Voted, That there be five hundred pounds raised upon the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, To be Layd out and improved, by the Overseers of the poor & such others w$^{ch}$. shall by the Town be added to them, as a stock to be imployed, for the procuring materials, & Tools, To Sett and Keep the poor people and Ill persons, at work, as the Law Directs.

It was Voted, That two hundred Sixty-five pounds be raised upon the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, for the Defraying the Charge of the watch from the Twentieth of June Last past, to the 20$^{th}$. June Comeing.

It was Voted, That there be four hundred pounds raised upon the inhabitants of Boston for the relief of the poor.

It was Voted, That there be raised upon the Inhabitants of Boston three hundred pounds, for the payment of Schoolmasters, fitting y$^{e}$ house of Correction, repairing of the fortifications, & all other necessary Charges of sd. Town.

Whereas there was a Vote, the 18$^{th}$ April 99. For the raising five hundred pounds, for the repairing of the Neck & no other use,

It is now Voted, that sd. Vote be nuld, and two hundred pounds be raised for the same use, and no more, nor no Other use.

It was Voted, That all the land on both sides of the way between the oak and Walnut & the Fortification, The Town's Right and Title therein be given to such p'son or persons, as shall under Take sufficiently to make & maintain the highway for Ever, not Less then fifty foot Wide: and that Sam$^{ll}$ Lowell Esq$^{r}$. & Capt. Bozoon Allen, be a Committee to agree w$^{th}$. persons accordingly; and to make Application to the proprietors for their Approbation and Consent.

[235.] That if any appear to accept of the Land Vpon these Conditions, They may haue an Unquestionable Title.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$., Isaac Adington, Sam$^{ll}$. Sewell Esq$^{r}$., Penn. Townsend Esq$^{r}$., Cap$^{t}$. Sam$^{ll}$. Checkley, Were by a Vote of the Town, Chosen a Committee, To Draw up instructions for the Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, and p'sent the same to the Town (the next Gen$^{ll}$. Town meeting) for their Approbation.

and It was further Voted, That the same Committee. Together w$^{th}$ the Selectmen shall Consider about repairing, or Building, or hiring a House for m$^{r}$. Ezek$^{l}$. Cheever w$^{ch}$. they Judge may be best.

It was Voted, That when there shall be any Occasion for the Town Treasu$^{r}$ to sue any p'son or p'sons in behalf of the Town. It shall be always with y$^{e}$ Advice and Consent of the Selectmen.

Whereas there was formerly a Vote, of the Town y$^{e}$ 14$^{th}$. march 1698, That when the Town met together to Chuse Jurymen, It should be out of the p'sons present as well as those absent.

It was Voted, That they would go on in the practice of the foregoing Votes In the Choice of Jurymen, of those y$^{t}$. are p'sent, as well as of those w$^{ch}$. are absent, and that non should mention any more then one p'son at atime, to be put to y$^{e}$ Vote.

April 8$^{th}$. At Publick Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston, Upon Publick Warning, according to Law.

It was Voted, That they would haue no Other, assessors, But y$^{e}$ Selectmen.

m$^{r}$. James Barnes & m$^{r}$. Robert Gibbs, Were Chosen Selectmen, in the room of m$^{r}$. Isaiah Tay & m$^{r}$. Obadiah Gill, Who were Chosen Selectmen y$^{e}$ 11$^{th}$ march Last past, but refused to Serve in that office.

Sam$^{ll}$. Bridge, Richard Christopher, Joseph Williams, at the same time were Chosen Tythingmen But upon their pleas made to the Town at this meeting, Were by a Vote of the Town, Dismissed from that Office.

Sam$^{ll}$. Sewell Esq$^{r}$., Cap$^{t}$. Bozoon Allen, m$^{r}$. Sam$^{ll}$. Lynde, Cap$^{t}$. Nath$^{a}$. Byfield, maj$^{r}$. Tho$^{s}$. Savage, Were by a Vote of the Town Chosen a Committee, To audit the Towns acc$^{t}$. with y$^{e}$ Treasu$^{r}$. for the year Ensuing, Notifying the Selectmen when they meet to be w$^{th}$. them. The maj$^{or}$ part present to do the work.

[236.] Upon the return of the Committee w$^{ch}$ Were Chosen by the Town y$^{e}$ 11$^{th}$. march Last past, To take a View of the Land of Joseph Buck master of muddiriver, and to Judge what might be Done, w$^{th}$. respect to the Laying out of a High way there to, according to an an Antiant record of the Town, That Every Alotment should haue a way Laid out to it by a Committee Chosen and authorized by the Town for y$^{t}$. Purpose

The return of sd. Committee was, That they Judged sd. Buckminsters Ought to haue a high way Laid out to his Land.

Upon w$^{ch}$. returne, By a Vote of the Town, the former Committee with the addition of Thomas Gardener & Sam$^{ll}$. Aspenal were Chosen and Impowered to Lay out a High way to sd. Buckmaster's Land.

It was Voted, That the Selectmen Do Consider, and agree, of a

Body of by Laws y$^{t}$. may be proper and Benificial for the Towns good, & present the same to the nex Gen$^{ll}$. Town meeting there to be read for the Town's Appropriation.

May 14$^{th}$. At a Gen$^{ll}$. Meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston. Upon Publick Warning according to Law, were chosen for Representatives, Viz$^{t}$. Cap$^{t}$. Tim$^{o}$. Clark, m$^{r}$. Nath$^{a}$ Oliver, m$^{r}$. Isaiah Tay, m$^{r}$. James Barnes.

m$^{r}$. Nath$^{a}$. Oliver Refused to Serve in the place of a Representative up w$^{ch}$. Refusal the Town Emediately Applyed themselves to a new Choise, and Chose Cap$^{t}$. Bozoon Allen in sd. Olivers Room.

Where as provision is made by a Vote of the Town, for the Support of the watch as is now is untill the 20$^{th}$. of June Next, and not Longer.

The mind of the Town is Desired to be Signified by their Vote, Whether sd. watch shall be Continued for another year, & that they will support the Charge there of. and that they will grant the Sume of Two hundred Sixty five pounds to be Leveyed on the Inhabitants for y$^{t}$. End. It was Voted in y$^{e}$ affirmative.

Maj$^{r}$. John Wally, Coll$^{o}$. Pen Townsend, Cap$^{t}$. Byfield, m$^{r}$. Nath$^{a}$. Oliver, Cap$^{t}$. Sam$^{ll}$. Chickley, Cap$^{t}$. Theo. Frary Were by a Vote of the Town Chosen a Committee, to Joyne with y$^{e}$ Selectmen to give instructions to the Representatives.

[237.] Whereas on the 8$^{th}$ of April Last past a Committee was Chosen and Impowered to Lay out a high way for Joseph Buckminster of muddiriv$^{r}$. to his Land he hauing yet had no high way Laid out thereto.

Sd. Committee mett together and Layd out a high way through Josiah Winchesters Land, To Sd. Buckmasters Land, and sd. Winchester being Dissatisfyed with what was done presented his Petition to the Town, To Desire that Other meet p'sons might be Chosen by sayd Town, to take a View of what is done & to make a report of the same to the Town, his Petition being read & Considered, Cap$^{t}$. Nath$^{a}$. Williams and m$^{r}$. Isaiah Tay were Chosen by a Vote of the Town, to Joyne with the former Committee to Indevor the Settlement of that Concerne.

[238.] March 10$^{th}$. 1701 At a Publick Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston, Upon Publick Warning According to Law, Were Chosen the Town officers hereafter Named Viz$^{t}$.

Moderator. — Cap$^{t}$. Nath$^{a}$. Byfield.

Selectmen. — Jo$^{s}$. Prout, Daniel Oliver, Rob$^{t}$. Gibbs, Eliz$^{r}$. Holiocke, John Marion Jun$^{r}$., Tim$^{o}$. Clark, James Barnes, Isaiah Tay, John Barnard.

Town Clerk. — Jos. Prout

Town Treasu$^{r}$. — James Taylor

Constables — Francis Thrasher, William Wilson, Benj$^{a}$. Brame, Savil Sampson, Zea$^{a}$. Long, Peter Barber, John Clough, Frances Clark ; Rumney Marsh — Jos. Belcher ; Muddiriver — John Druce.

Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor — Co$^{l}$. Elisha Hutchinson, Cap$^{t}$. Nath$^{a}$. Byfield, m$^{r}$. Sam. Lynde, Cap$^{t}$. Sam. Checkley, Sam. Sewell Esq$^{r}$.

Surveyers — Thomas Adkins, Rich. Gridly, Tho. Downes, Sam. Plumer, Jos. Royal.

Rumney Mash — John Brintnall

Muddiriver — Jos. White, John Devotion, Joshua Child.

Fence Viewers — David Langdon, Thomas Barnard, Peter Wier.

Rumney Marsh — Jos. Bill, Elisha Tuttle.

muddiriver — Josiah Winchester, Daniel Harris.

Clerk of ye Market — John Eyres, Sam. Greenwood, Benja. Walker, James Mears, Josiah Franklin, John Bennet.

Sealers of Leather — John Marion, Senr., Thomas Davis, James Maxwell.

Scavingers — Sam. Lynde, Andrew Belcher, Sam. Bridge, William Keen, Jos. Hilliard.

Hogreaveaves — Rich. Sherren, Francis Holmes, Dan. Bristow, Isaac Marion, Sam. Pearse, Jabiz Salter.

Measurs. of Board & Timbers — Jabiz Negus, John Eustus, Sam. Bridge.

Measurs. of Grain — Sam. Johnson, alexandr. Sherrard, Job Ingraham.

Cryers — Tho. Davis, Robt. Shelstone, Gabril Warner.

[239.] Voted, That the Town Treasur. Shall haue fifteen pounds for his Service as Treasur. for the year past.

Voted, That the Representatives, in the present Setting of the Genll. Court inDevour to git a medigation of the Oath and Law about Tithing men.

Elisha Cook Esqr., Col. Hutchinson, Col. Townsend, Dea. Bridgham, Major Savage. By a Vote of the Town, were Chosen a Committee To Joyne wth. the Selectmen, To Consider of a Sutable method for the managemt. of the watch, & to make report thereof to the next Genll. Town meeting

Voted, That a House be Built for Old mr. Ezek. Cheever the Latine Schoolmaster, and it was further Voted that the Selectmen to Take Care about the Building of it.

Voted, That the Raising of money, for Defraying of Town Charges, to be referred to the Genll. Town meeting for the Choise of Representatives.

Voted, To Chuse nine assessors.

Voted, That the Request of mr. Ezel. Lewis for an Addition to his Salary, be referred to the next Genll. Town Meeting.

Voted, That whereas a motion has been made by mr. John Arnold. That a windMill be set upon fort Hill, by privet persons. It is Left to ye Selectmen to Inquire into ye Formes & Circomstances of the Thing & make Report to the Town, thereof, the next Genll. Town meeting.

Voted, That the reading ye Towns by Lawes, be referred to the next Genll. Town meeting.

The Petition of Bethiah Fuller, was read to the Town, & was Voted that the Selectmen should inquire what has been Expended on her father & make report to the Town the next Genll. Town meeting.

Voted, That the Selectmen should agree wth. a person about Diging of Graves in this Town.

[240.] May 12th. 1701. Att a Publick Meeting of the Inhabittants of this Town being this day convened at the Town House in Boston upon Lawfull warning.

Nathaniell Byfield Esqr. chosen Moderator.

Mr. John White, Capt. Samll. Legg, Mr. Nathª. Oliver, Capt. Andr. Belcher, were chosen to serve for them as Representitives in Genll. Court to be held the 28th. of May.

Mr. John George, Mr. Gyles Dyer, Mr. Richd. Draper, were chosen to serve as Selectmen in the room of messrs. Tay, Holyoke, and Oliver.

Mr. Samull Holland was chosen & Sworn Constable in ye rom of Mr. Frª. Clark.

Mr. Thomas Walker, Capt. Benjª. Davise were chosen overseers of the Poor in the room, of Coll. Hutchinson and Capt. Samuell Checkley.

Whereas Mr. Ezekiell Lewis Assistant to Mr. Chever in the Government of the Lattin free School, hath represented unto the Town that the Sum of forty pounds, p. annum, is not Sufficient for his coumfortable Subsistance. The Town by thier Vote have granted that hence forward he be Allowed Forty five pounds p. annum, dureing his being Continued in that Station.

Whereas the Comittee appointed by the Town the tenth of March last together with the Selectmen, to consider of a sutable methode for the management of the watch who haveing agreed as followeth vizt.

That ten watchmen, two of them as Overseers be continued as formerly.

That every of them be enjoyned to be upon duty from ten of the Clock untill broad day light, from the tenth of March unto the tenth of September. And from the tenth of Septembr. to the tenth of march to be and continue upon duty from nine of the clock untill day light.

That two at the least of Said Watchmen Shall from each of the two watch Houses, Keep walking their rounds by turns through thier severall districts dureing the whole night, and each Rounds to return to their respective watch house, (as neer as may be) within the Space of one hour, and the next Rounds to go out imediatly upon their comeing in.

That besides the aforesayd Rounds, those watchmen whose turns are to be Off from the Same, Shall by turns take Short Rounds in Some of the principall Streets and places within thier inspection takeing perticuler care of the ware houses about ye Dock.

That the Rounds walk with watch bills, Silently forbearing to use any bell, and that no watchman Smok tobaco while walking thier rounds, And where they see Ocation they are to call to persons to take care of thier lights.

[241.] Voted that the Watch be continued according to the forgoing proposalls, and to be under such farther regulation as the Select men shall direct. And to continue for the year Ensueing, excepting any part of said year in which a Millitary watch shall be kept within the Town.

It was voted that One Thousand and fifty pounds be raised upon

the Inhabittants and Residents of this Towne for the defraying the necessary charges of the Town for the year Ensueing, viz. for the relief of the poor Schoolmasters Saleryes &c. the charge of the watch, the building a House for the Lattin School-master, and the charge of Representitives, Select men, &c.

At the same Meeting M^r^. Joseph Bridgham was chosen to serve as Moderator to Transact in the remayning affaires of this meeting in the room of Nath^ll^. Byfield Esq^r^. whose ocations requirs his being absent.

Pen Townsend Esq^r^., Jeremiah Dumer Esq^r^., Major Thomas Savage, m^r^. Elizur Holyoke and m^r^. Danill Oliver, are chosen a Comittee to audit the Treasurers acco^ts^. for the Ensueing year, or the Major part of them being present to do the worke·

Voted that M^r^. John Arnold & Comp^a^. are alloweeid to Erect Windmill upon the Towns Land on Fort Hill, he or they paying a Quit rent for the Same. And it is left to the Select men to agree upon the terms therof, and to grant a Lease of the Same.

The Comittee formerly appointed to lay out a way to the land of Joseph Buckmister have given in the following return the Same being read in the Publick Town meeting viz^t^.

Wee the Subscribers being appoynted a committee by the vote of the Town of Boston, past the 8^th^. day of Aprill 1700, to lay out a highway to the land of Joseph Buckminster of Muddy River.

Accordingly we did on the 30^th^ day of Aprill Stake out a highway of twenty-four foot in breadth through the Land of Josiah Winchester viz^t^. Runing from the South Side of a white oak tree standing in the Countrey Road, upon a direct line to the brow of the Hill neer Said Buckminsters Land, & thence winding down the Hill Som thing Southerly to the afores^d^. Buckminsters Land.

T. Frary
Thomas Gardener
John Bennet
Sam^LL^. Aspinall
Joseph Prout

July 31^th^. 1700. The persons appointed as a comittee by the vote of the Town of Boston dated the 14^th^ of May last past [**242.**] all of them being present (except Samull Aspinall) at Muddy River upon the Spot do give thier Opinon that the way Stated by the Comittee on the 30^th^ of Aprill last from Joseph Buckminsters land, through the land of Josiah Winchester, ought to be continued. Said Buckminster being present haveing promised to mak Sufficient Gates at each end of Sayd way with all convenient Speed, And Said Winchester being present doth Engage forever hereafter to maintain and uphold that Gate at the Northerly end next the highway—and Said Buckminster engages to uphold and maintaine that Gate next the Said Buckminsters land, from time to time, each of them for themselves their heires Exececutors and Adm^s^, and so Engageing each to other, In Testimoney whereof Said Buckminster and Winchester have hereunto Set thier hands and Seales the day and year above said.

Signed & Sealed in presence of us,

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| Nath^A^ Williams, | Joseph Buckminster | (Seal) |
| Isaiah Tay, | Josiah Winchester | (Seal) |

May 12th. The Town by their Vote do manifest their Approbation of the Comittees return of a way laid to Joseph Buckminsters land, together with Joseph Buckminster & Josiah Winchester thier agreement thereto.

At a meeting of the ffreeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified to act and Vote in Town affaires being Orderly warned and Assembled the twelfth day of May Anno. Dom. 1701.

The severall Rules, Orders and By-laws were then Openly and distinctly read over, voted, made and Established by the aforesaid ffreholders & Inhabitants of the Said Town to be Observed and Kept by all persons inhabiting *in or* within the said Town (for the year ensueing and untill the ffreeholdrs and Inhabitants thereof, shall hereafter by their Vote & Order declare, repeale, and make voyd the Same or any of them) under the several and respective paines and penaltyes to them or any of them annexed and prescribed.

Ordered that no person or persons, do presume hereafter to carry fire from any House or place within the Said Neck or Town of Boston unto any other House or place within the same but in a warming pan or other safe vessell well covered So as to secure the Said fire from the wind and from being scatered by the way, or in the Streets or lanes thereof, on pain that every person therein offending shall Forfite and pay for the use of the poor of Said Town the Summ of two Shillings, And whosoever shall permitt or suffer any fire to be carryed out of their House or Houses, place or places unless it be [**243.**] covered and secured as aforesaid shall forfite and pay for the use aforesd. the Sum of one Shilling.

Ordered that the Selectmen for the time being, upon complaint to them made or otherwise upon their own Knowledge of any defective chimney or chimneys within this Town, do from time to time take effectuall care to have the same inspected & veiwed and order the same to be speedily amended and repaired (if it may be done) or taken down on paine of the forfiture of Tenn Shillings a moneth by the owner or Ocupier thereof that shall neglect to Observe and perform such Order of the Select men, being declared to him or them and entered of record, unless the season of the year will not admit of the amending and repaireing of the Same and in Such case the Ocupier thereof shall forbear to make or keep any fire therein On penalty of twenty Shillings for every such offence, And if any chimney hapen to take fire so as to flame out at the top thereof, the Ocupier of such Chimney shall forthwith forfite and pay the Summ of Ten Shillings.

Ordered that every Householder shall from time to time be provided with a Sufficient Ladder or Ladders, to reach from the ground to the ridge of Such House, at the charge of the Owner thereof, and in case the Owner or owners of Such house or houses be not an Inhabitant of this Town, then the Ocupiers thereof to provide the same, and deduct the charge thereof out of his or thier rent, on paine of the forfiture of Six Shillings & eight pence for every neglect after three moneths notice given by Such person or persons as the Select men for the time being shall appoint for

the inspecting & Obsearvance of this Order, And if any person or persons shall remove or take away (unless by the Order of two or more of the Said Select men) any Ladder belonging to the Said Town or Publick meeting houses, except for present use in case of fire, every Such person or persons So offending shall forfite and pay the Summ of twenty Shillings.

Ordered that whosever Shall Kindle or make any fire open or abroad, within two rodds of any wooden house, warehouse, wood pile, or any other combustable matter Subject to take fire (except in Ship Carpenters building yards, Sett work coopers, and Ropemakers works, when a carefull person Stands by to watch the same) Shall forfit and pay the Summ of ten Shillings to the use of the poor of the Town, Provided also that this order shall not be understood or intended to debarr or hinder any tradesmen or others from Kindling charcole in a pot or pan out of doors nigh their house or shop, at any time dureing the day light, and provided also that Some carefull person Stand by to watch the Same while it shall be continued in the open aire.

[**244.**] Ordered, That every Master of any Vessell lieing at or neer to any wharfe, on board of which fire Shall be kept burning after tenn of the clock at night, or be kindled before five in the morning, Shall forfeit and pay the Summ of Tenn Shillings.

Ordered, That every householder from time to time & at all times hereafter shall be provided with a sufficient Pole of twelve foot long or more, with a large Swabb fastened at the end thereof, or with a Sufficient hand Engine Sutable for the quenching of fire, on paine of forfeiting the Summ of five Shillings for each neglect, or not shewing forth the same upon demand unto the officer, which shall be appointed by the Select men to inspect the same, within two moneths, after notice given them to provide the afore$^{sd}$. pole, swabb, or other sufficient hand Engine in.

Ordered, That from henceforward no person or persons shall keep any Gun powder of greater quantity then Twenty pounds weight, in any warehouse dwelling house or shop within this Town, but in such place or places as His Maj$^{tes}$. Justices of the Peace within this town, and the Select men for the time being shall appoint or approve off for that purpose, on penalty of forfeiting the Summ of Twenty Shillings for every week that any person or persons Shall Keep Gunpowder contrary to this order, after the said Justices & Select men have Signified their appointment & Assignem$^{t}$ of some place or places for keeping the Same.

Ordered, That no cooper or coopers within this Town Shall Fire or burn thier cask in any Shop ware house or other place, then in a Sufficient Chimney made convenient for that use, on penalty of forfeiting the Summ of Twenty Shillings for every Offence Contrary to this Order.

Ordered, That from the Tenth day of March to the first day of November yearly and every year hereafter, every Householder (excepting such who have propriety in a well with a Sufficiency of water and Conveniency of drawing the same nigh unto his or thier dwelling house) shall at all times within the limitation aforesaid, keep in thier houses yards or back sides, a pipe, hogshed or

reirce full of watter, on pain of forfeiting the Summ of five Shillings for every Such Neglect, and that no person or persons shall be excused therefrom that fetch their water from the wells and Condums that are in the Streets & publick places.

[245.] Ordered, That no Butcher shall by himselfe, wife or servant, weigh and sell any dead meat by stylyards, but shall within two moneths after publication of this order be provided with good and sufficient Scales and sealed weights, and sell and weigh their meat thereby, and no otherwise upon paine of forfeiting the Summ of Ten shillings for every Transgression, and five shillings p' week while he or they continue deficient of such Scales and weights as aforesaid, And that every person and persons who shall carry forth any dead meat to sell in a wheel barrow or otherwise shall weigh and Sell Such meat by good and Sufficient Scales and Sealed weights, and no otherwise, on pain of forfeiting the Summ of Tenn Shillings for each Transgression of this order.

Ordered, That no person or persons shall shoot at any Bird or Birds, or at any mark in any of the inclosed grounds, pastures, gardens or orchards within the Neck of Boston, nor shall shoot at the fence of any Such place, or at any Bird or Birds that may be upon any Such fence, or on any Tree or bush that may be in Such pasture, garden or orchard, or in any of the Streets, lanes or alleys of this Town, On pain of forfeiting the Summ of Twenty Shillings for every offence against this order.

Ordered, That no person whatsoever shall carry or cause or suffer to be carryed or cast, any dirt dung, Garbidge, carrion, shreds, shaveings, filth, Soyle, or Rubbish, or any thing that may be an annoyance, out of thier houses, shops, yards, backsides, or any of the dependancyes thereof and cast or lay the same in any of the streets, highwayes, lanes or alleyes within this Neck of Boston, on paine of forfeiting the summ of five shillings for every such offence. Nor shall any person incumber or annoy any Street, lane, or Alley, within this Town by laying any Stones, Earth, Timber, boards, firewood or other Lumber, therein, and Suffer the same to lie there above the Space of forty-eight Hours, under the like penalty of five Shillings for every such offence, and five shillings more for each forty eight hours he or they shall suffer the same to lie there. Provided that this order shall not be understood to debarr or hinder any of the Inhabitants (who in case of building any houseing or digging any cellor or well) of the liberty of laying their Rubbish, or materialls, for such buildings, wells, or cellors, such farther time [246.] and in such part of the Streets and lanes as shall be farther granted them by the Select men for the time being, or any two of them.

Ordered, That no Butcher shall suffer any Guts, Garbidge or other filth to be cast or brought out of his or their Shop, Slaughter house, or other place of killing, and suffer the same to be layd or lie in any street lane or Alley, or neer thereunto, on pain of forfeiting the Summ of Tenn Shillings for every Transgression of this order.

Ordered, That no person shall Erect or set up any Pentice, jetty or Pendal over any of the Streets, lanes or highwayes of this Town,

of less then eight foot in hight from the ground, on pain of forfeiting Twenty Shillings for every Such offence, and the like forfeiture of Twenty shillings for every moneth which the same shall continue so Erected and Sett up, the penalty to be paid by the Owner thereof.

Ordered, That no person whatsoever shall hereafter Erect or set up any House of office or Easement within this Town, or suffer the same to continue being already Set-up, or standing within forty foot of any Street lane or high way, or the dwelling house, Shop or well of any neighbour, unless the same be vaulted Six foot deep, and Sufficiently enclosed or otherwise secured, on paine of forfeiting the summ of Twenty Shillings for every Transgression of this order. And the like Summ of Twenty shillings for every moneth it shall so continue. Nor shall any person keep any hogg or swine in any hoggstey within twenty foot of any highway, street, lane or alley within this neck of Boston, or the dwelling house or shop of any Neighbour on penalty of Tenn Shillings for every transgression of this order, and Tenn shillings for every moneth such hogg or swine shall be kept and continued in such Stey.

Ordered, That no person whatsoever Shall at any time hereafter ride or drive a gallop or other extream pace within any of the Streets, lanes, or alleys in this Town on penalty of forfeiting three Shillings for every such offence, and it may be lawfull for any of the Inhabitants of this Town to make Stop of such horse or Rider untill the name of the offender be known in order to prosecution Farther that whosoever shall hereafter by themselves or servants turn or let loose to water or otherwise any Horse into any of the streets or lanes of this Town, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two Shillings for every such transgression of this order.

[**247.**] Ordered, That whosoever shall at any time hereafter use the Exersise of playing or kicking of foot ball within any of the Streets or lanes within the body of this Town, shall forfeit and pay the summ of two shillings, for every Transgression of this order. Nor shall any person hereafter fire or throw any Squib or Squibs, Rocket or Serpent, or other fireworks in any of the streets lanes or highwayes of this Town, on paine of forfeiting five Shillings for every such offence. Nor shall any person throw or heave any Snow ball, or Snow balls at any person, in the streets lanes, or Alleyes of this Town, or into any house or houses or shop, on pain of forfeiting two shillings for every transgression of this order.

Ordered, That no person shall hence forth make and fire any lime Kiln or Erect and burn any brick Kiln, but in such place and places as the select men for the time being shall approve and allow of, on penalty of twenty shillings for every such such transgression.

Ordered, That henceforth no cart, Dray, Trucks or Sled drawn by either horse or horses, or horse and Oxen, shall be suffered to pass through any of the streets or lanes in this Town, but with a sufficient driver, who shall dureing such passage, Keep with his Said Cart, dray, Trucks, or Sled, and carefully observe and attend such methodes as may best serve to keep said horse or horses, or oxen under comand, And what so ever Carter or others, undertake

ing to drive any cart, dray, Trucks or sled, shall dureing Such passing through the streets or lanes as aforesaid either ride in the said Cart, dray, Trucks or Sled, or otherwise neglect to Observe and attend the rules prescribed in this order, such Carter driver or owner, of such cart, dray, Trucks, or sled, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two shillings for every such offence.

Ordered, That no person shall hence forth break or digg up the Ground in any of the streets, lanes or highwayes in This Town, for the laying or repairing any dreine, or any other ocation, without the leave and approbation of two or more of the Select men for the time being, on pain of forfeiting the summ of twenty shillings for every such offence.

Further that who soever shall digg or cause to be digged and broken up any Ground in any street, lane or high way within this Town, shall within such time as any Two or [248.] more of the Select men for the time being shall grant after the same is broken up, cause the same to be sufficiently repaired and amended to the satisfaction of the Select men on pain of forfeiting the summ of twenty shillings and also the sum of twenty shillings p' week untill the same be amended and repaired as aforesaid. And any person who hath heretofore at any time digged or broken up any of the ground in the streets or Lanes and not yet sufficiently repaired the same, and shall neglect so to do for the space of one moneth after the Town's voteing this order shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings p' week till it be amended and repaired.

Ordered, That none shall bury the body of any dead person without makeing the same Publick by causeing a first and second Toll of the bell of one of the Publick meeting houses on pain of forfeiting the sum of Twenty shillings for every such offence. Nor shall any in burrying of their dead exceed One hour from the time of the begining of the Toll of the second bell, untill the corps shall be carryed out of the house from whence such corps is to be burryed, and be on motion towards the grave, on pain of forfeiting Twenty shillings for every such offence. And if any person or persons shall bury their dead on the Lord's day he or they shall not exceed one hour from the begining of the Toll of the first bell untill the corps be carryed forth out of the house and on motion towards the grave, on pain of forfeiting Twenty shillings for every such offence.

Ordered. That none shall break up the ground in any of the Publick burrial places, for the makeing a Tomb therein without the approbation of three or more of the Select men for the time being under their hands, On pain of forfeiting the Sum̄ of Twenty shillings for every such offence. Nor shall any person digg a grave in any of the Publick burriall places of this Town but such as shall be allowed and appointed by the Select-men for the time being, On pain of forfeiting ten shillings for every such offence.

Ordered, That no person shall digg any grave or make any coffin on the Lord's day without the approbation & allowance of two of the Select men for the time being, On paine of forfeiting the summ of Twenty Shillings. Nor shall any person keep open their shop or Cellor that they manage or keep their callings in, on

the evening preceeding the Lord's day or on the Lord's day, on pain of forfeiting the sum of [249.] five shillings for every such offence to be paid by the Ocupier of such Shop or Cellor.

Ordered, That no person shall hereafter ride any horse, mare or Gelding into the Comon, or to Weelers pond, or to any usual place of watering, on the Lords day, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of five shillings for every such offence.

Ordered, That no person suffer their yards, orchards, pastures, or Tann yards, to lie open where there is a well Cellor, Tanpits, or other pits uncovered, on pain of forfeiting the sum of ten shillings for every such offence, And five shillings for every week after, till such fence be sufficiently repaired and amended or such well, pit or cellor be filled up.

Ordered, That from hence forth no person whatsoever shall digg any Cellar, erect any building or fence, or remove any landmark, next adjoyning or bordering upon any highway, street lane or other Lands belonging or appertaining to this Town, untill two or more of the select men for the time being, or such other persons whom the Select men or the major part of them shall appoint there unto, shall have veiwed set forth and determined the bounds there of. On penalty that every person transgressing this order shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty shillings. Further that whosoever shall encroach upon the Towns land contrary to such determination and line stated and agreed unto by such select men as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty shillings, And further shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings for every moneth that such encroachment or incumberance shall remayne unremoved.

Ordered, That no person dwelling or resideing within this Town of Boston, shall by himselfe or others, buy, contract or bargaine, for any sort of grain, meal, butter ffowls, mutton, veal, pork, eggs or any other sort of provision, while it is bringing between Roxbury gate and the houses of the Town, before two of the clock in the afternoon, On penalty of Twenty shillings, for every such offence. Further that no Butcher shall buy or bargaine for, any dead meat as it is bringing to this Town, or expose such meat to sale, on penalty of Twenty shillings for every transgression of this order

[250.] Ordered, that the Select men for the time being shall yearly nominate and appoint, a competent number of meet persons for the cording of wood, and cause the names of such persons to be presented unto one of His Maj^ties Justices of the Peace, in order to their being sworn to the faithfull discharge of Said trust, And that no person but such as are appointed and sworn as aforesaid shall be suffered to Cord any wood for sale in this Town, untill the owner or vendor thereof hath applied himselfe to two or more of the aforesaid Sworn Corders and they refuseing or neglecting to cord the same, On pain of forfeiting the sum of Ten shillings And that no person shall expose any wood to sale, which hath been corded by any other person or persons then afore appointed sworn corders, untill first two or more honest and indifferent men ffree holders and Inhabittants of this Town shall veiw and approve the

same to be well corded and of sufficient highth, on pain of forfeiting Tenn Shillings for every transgression of this Order.

Ordered, That it shall and may be lawfull for the select men for the time being, yearly to nominate & appoint one or more meet persons in the severall divisions of the Town, to inspect and prosecute the breach of all or any of the penall orders which are or shall hereafter be made by this Town, and allowed of by the Sessions of the Peace, and to allow and assigne such persons Saleryes & rewards as unto the said Select men shall be judged meet and convenient. And if any person So. nominated and appointed accept of such office, and afterwards neglect and refuse to inspect and prosecute the breach of such order or orders he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Shillings.

Ordered, That any person being chosen and accepting the Office of Corder of wood and neglecting to perform the faithfull discharge of his office shall forfeit and pay the Summ of Twenty Shillings. Further that any person being orderly chosen to the office of Scavenger or Hog reeve & shall neglect or refuse to attend and prosecute the duty of his or their offices, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Shillings.

Ordered, That no person whatsoever shall hereafter break, digg, or carry away, any of the Sord, Turf, or Earth of or belonging to the comon or comon lands, (except at Fox hill, or the Ridge hill between that & windmill hil) on pain of forfeiting Twenty shillings, for every breach of this order

[**251.**] Further that no person shall Lop peel, girdle, or deface, any of the trees now standing or that shall hereafter be planted or Set by order of the Select men, or by their approbation upon any part of or place in the comon ground of this Town, on pain of forfeiting the sum of Twenty Shillings for every such offence. Further that no person shall cast or spread any Stones, Carrion or other Trash upon the comon or comon lands in this Town, on pain of forfeiting the sum of Twenty shillings.

That no Horse, dry Catle or Sheep shall be suffered to go at large or to feed on the Comon or comon lands, or any of the streets or lanes of this Town on pain that the owner or owners thereof shall forfeit & pay five shillings for each Horse, and three shillings p' head for neet dry cattel and one Shilling for every sheep, that shall be found going at large upon the said comons, or streets, or lanes, and it shall and may be lawfull for such persons whom the Select men for the time being shall appoint thereunto, to impound such horse, neet cattle or sheep so found Trensgressing.

Ordered, That no Hogg, or swine, shall be suffered to go at large within this Neck of Boston, saveing in and upon the land or Enclosed ground of or in possession of the owner or keeper of such swine (Except also such swine that are driveing to market) On pain that such Owner or keeper of such hogg or swine shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty Shillings for every Hogg or swine that shall be found goeing at large contrary to this order, or the full value thereof if not exceeding twenty shillings, one halfe to him or them that shall seize and secure the same, the other halfe

to the poor of this town. Further it is hereby provided that if it appear that the Owner or keeper of such Hogg or swine be actually in pursuit of it or them at and before the seizure, then such owner and keeper shall have his hogg or swine released to him by such person who by virtue of this order had Seized and secured the same, he paying to such Seizer two shillings for every Hogg so seized by him, And it shall & may be lawfull for such person or persons that are chosen to the office of Hog reeves for the time being, or in their absence for any of the Inhabittants of this Town to seize secure or impound any Hogg or Swine going at large contrary to this order, and upon his or their so doing shall make application to one of His Maj^ties Justices of the peace within this Town, to order an apprizement, Award and give Judgment according to the true intent & meaning of this order.

[252.] Ordered, That any person who shall hereafter have or keep any Curst or unruly Dogg or Bitch within this Town, so as to harm or do damage to any person whomsoever, or to any Horse, neet Cattle, sheep or tame ffowl, And upon warning or notice given by any of the Inhabitants unto such owner or keeper of Such Curst or unruly Dogg or Bitch, that the same hath been known to bite seiz upon worry or do harm to man or beast aforesaid, and the same so appearing, such owner or keeper of such unruly Dogg or Bitch, shall forth-with cause the Town to be rid and discharged of the same, On pain that the owner or keeper of such unruly Dogg or Bitch shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings, and five shillings more for every day after, that such unruly dogg or Bitch shall be seen to go at large in this Town.

Ordered, That if any person shall keep or entertaine more then one Dogg or Bitch and suffer the same to go at large within this neck of Boston, and upon Complaint made unto the Select men for the time being by any of the Neighbourhood, that such Doggs are offencive to them, doing damage to their Gardens, Orchards, pastures or other wise, And the said Select men or any two of them, ordering and Notificing such Owner or keeper of such Dogg or Doggs to shut up or other wise discharge the Town of the same dureing such time as they shall limit, Every Such owner keeper or oentertainer of such Dogg neglecting to attend the Order, of said Select men as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings for every Dogg or Bitch by them so kept or entertained and suffered to go at large contrary to the true intent and meaning of this order.

Ordered, That the Select men for the time being, or the Major part of them, are hereby appointed & impowered as agents, Trustees, or Attornyes, to sue for any Houses lands or other Estates or Intrests whatsoever belonging or in any wise appertaining to this Town. And to commence and Effectually to prosecute any Suit or Suits and Actions in any Court or courts, against all and every person and persons whatsoever, with holding or deteineing the same, in as full and ample manner, as if the same were more largely set forth and exprest, with full power to Substitute one or more Attorneys under them, and the Same againe at pleasure to revoke.

Ordered, That from hence forth the Select men for the time being

shall have power and liberty to lease out to rent any of the Towns lands or buildings that are or shall be to be rented for any term of years not exceeding Seven years [**253.**] and no longer without a special vote of the Town, for longer time.

Ordered, That at every Generall Town meeting there be a Moderator chosen, who shall propound all affaires to be debated, and put them to vote when they have been so debated, and to demand and keep Silence and attention in the assembly. And that no matter of any weight or moment shall be voted at any Town meeting, without the same hath been specially exprest in the warrant requireing such meeting, or propounded at the begining of the meeting, that so consideration may be had of the matter before it be voted.

That whosoever at any Publick Town meeting shall fall into private conference to the hindering of the Publick business, shall forfeit one shilling for every such offence, to the use of the poor of the Town.

That whosoever at any Publick Town meeting shall neglect to observe the directions or request of the Moderator for the time being to keep Silence, shall forfeit and pay five shillings for the use of the poor of this Town of Boston for every such offence.

Ordered, That there be Annually or yearly chosen in the Moneth of March when other Town Officers are chosen, a person who shall be Stiled a Canonneer, whose Office shall be to take and keep the accompt of Great Artillery that do or hereafter may belong unto this Town, and also to keep and Look affer the Towns stock of powder and receive in and give out the same, according as he shall receive direction from the Select men for the time being.

May 20th 1701. Samuell Sewall Esqr. & Hannah his wife grants unto the Town of Boston a certaine strip or Slip of Land fenced & layd out for a High way or Street runing through their feild or pasture at the Northerly end of Boston called by the name of Hull Street containing in Length about thirty rodds in breadth at the easterly end Twenty two foot next the Green lane, and at the westerly end Twenty five foot. Reserveing liberty to fence in two foot in breadth thereof upon the Southly Side, as p' a Deed under thier hands and Seales doth more fully appear, and Entred wth the Records of deeds for the county of Suffolke Lib. 20. pa 265.

[**254.**] Septembr 22th. 1701. At a Generall and Publick Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston being this day convened at the Town house upon due warning according as the Law directs. Pen Townsend Esquir being then chosen Moderator for Said Meeting.

Voted that the Select men of this Town are impowered to Assign and affix Names unto the Severall streets & Lanes within this Town, so as they shall judg meet and convenient.

At a meeting of the ffreeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified to Act and Vote in Town affaires being Orderly warned & Assembled the Twenty Seacond day of September Anno Domi 1701

The Severall Rules orders and By-Laws were then Openly and distinctly read Over, voted, made & Established by the aforesaid ffreeholders and Inhabitants of the Said Town to be Observed and Kept by all persons Inhabiting in or within the Said Town (for the year Ensueing and untill the ffreeholders and Inhabitants thereof, shall hereafter by their Vote and Order, declare, repeale, and make voyd, the same, or any of them) under the Severall and respective paines and penaltyes to them or any of them Annexed and prescribed.

Ordered that no person or persons do presume hereafter to carry fire from any house or place within the Said[1] Neck or Town of Boston unto any other House or place within the same, but in a Warming pan, or other Safe Vessell well covered So as to Secure the Said fire from the wind, and from being scattered by the way, or in the Streets or Lanes therof on Paine that every person therein offending shall forfeite and pay for the use of the poor of Said Town the Sum of One shilling.

Ordered, that the Select men for the time being upon complaint to them made or otherwise upon their own knowledge of any defective Chimney or chimneys within this town, do from time to time take Effectuall care to have the same Inspected and veiwed, and order the same to be Speedyly amended and repaired (if it may be done) or taken down on paine of the forfeiture of Ten Shillings a moneth by the Owner thereof that shall neglect to observe and perform such order of the Select men being declared to him or them and Entered of record, unless the Season of the year will not admit of the Amending and repaireing of the Same, And in Such case the Occupier thereof shall forbear to make or keep any fire therein on penalty of Twenty Shillings for every such offence and if any Chimney happen to take fire so as to flame out at the Top thereof the Occupier of such Chimney shall forthwith forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings.

[255.] Ordered, that whosoever shall kindle or make any fire open or abroad within Two Rodds of any wooden house, warehouse, woodpile or any other combustable matter Subject to take fire — (Except in Ship Carpenters building yards, set worke coopers and Rope makers workes, a carefull person standing by to watch the Same.) Shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten shillings to the use of the poor of the town.

Provided also that this order shall not be understood or intended to debarr or hinder any tradesmen or others from kindleing Charcoal in a pot or pan out of doors nigh their house or Shop, at any time dureing the day light, and provided also that some carefull person stand by to watch the same while it shall be continued in the open Air.

Ordered, That every Master of any Vessell Lying at or neer any wharfe, on board of which fire shall be kept burning after Ten of the clock at night, or be kindled before five in the morning shall forfeite the sum of Six Shillings.

Ordered, that every Householder Rateable at Twenty pounds Estate besides the Poll, from time to time and at all times hereafter

[1] Underlined in original.

Shall be provided with a sufficient Pole of Twelve foot long or more, with a Large Swabb fastened at the end thereof, Or with a Sufficient hand Engine Sutable for the Quenching of fire, on paine of forfeiting the Sum̄ of five Shillings for each neglect or not Shewing forth the same upon demand unto the Officer which shall be appointed by the Select men to Inspect the same, within two moneths after notice given them to provide the aforesaid Pole, Swabb, or other Sufficient hand Engine in.

Ordered, That from hence forward, no person or persons shall keep any Gun powder of greater quantity than Tweny pounds weight in any warehouse, dwelling house or Shop within this Town, but in such place or places as his Maj.ties Justices of the Peace within this Town and the Select men for the time being shall appoint or approve of for that purpose, on penalty of forfeiting the Sum̄ of Ten Shillings for every week that any person or persons Shall keep Gun powder contrary to this order, after the said Justices and Select men have Signified thier appointment and assignment of some place or places for keeping the Same.

Ordered, that no cooper or coopers within this Town shall fire or burn their cask in any shop, warehouse or other place then in a Sufficient brick or stone Chimney made convenient for that use, On penalty of forfeiting the Sum̄ of Ten Shillings for every Offence contrary to this order.

[**256.**] Ordered, that no Butcher by himselfe, wife, or Servant, shall weigh and Sell any dead meat by Steelyards, but shall within two moneths after Publication of this Order be Provided with good and Sufficient Scales and Sealed weights, and sell and weigh their meat thereby and no otherwise upon pain of forfeiting the Sum̄ of Ten Groats for every Transgression, and five Shillings p' week while he or they continue deficient of such Scales & weights as aforesaid. And that every person and persons who shall carry forth any dead meat to sell in a wheelbarrow or otherwise, shall weigh and Sell Such meat by good and Sufficient Scales and Sealed weights and no other wise on Pain of forfeiting the Sum̄ of Ten Shillings for each Transgression of this order.

Ordered, that no person what soever shall carry or cause or suffer to be carryed or cast any dirt, dung Garbidge Carrion, Shreds, Shaveings, filth, Soyl, or Rubbish, or any thing that may be an Annoyance, out of their Houses, shops, yards, back Sides or any of the dependanceyes thereof and cast or Lay the Same in any of the Streets, Highwayes Lanes or Alleyes within this neck of Boston on pain of forfeiting the Sum̄ of Two Shillings for every such offence. Nor shall any person Incumber or anoy any street, Lane or Alley within this Town by Laying any Stones, Earth, Timber, Boards, Firewood, or other Lumber therein, and suffer the Same to lie there above the Space of forty eight hours under the Penalty of five Shillings for every Such offence and five Shillings more for each forty eight Hours, he or they Shall Suffer the Same to lie there. Provided that this order shall not be understood to debarr or hinder any of the Inhabitants (who in case of building any houseing or digging any Cellar or well) of the liberty of Laying their Rubbish or Materialls for Such buildings, wells, or Cellars, Such farther

time and and in such part of the Streets and Lanes as shall be farther granted them by the Select men for the time being or any two of them.

Ordered, That no Butcher Shall Suffer any Guts, Garbidge, or other filth to be cast or brought out of his or their Shop, Slaughter house, or other place of Killing and Suffer the Same to be Layd or Lie in any Street [257.] Lane or alley or near thereunto on pain of forfeiting the Sum of five Shillings for every Transgression of this order.

Ordered, That no person whatsoever shall hereafter Erect or Set up any House of Office or Easment within this Town (or Suffer the same to continue being already set up or standing) within forty foot of any Street Lane or Highway or the dwelling house shop, or well of any neighbour, unless the same be vaulted Six foot deep, and Sufficiently enclosed or other wise secured, on pain of forfeiting the sum of Twenty Shillings for every Transgression of this Order, and the Like Sum of Twenty Shillings for every three moneths it shall So continue.

Nor shall any person from and after the end of October Ann° One thousand Seven hundred and one, Keep any Hogg or Swine in any Hogg stey within Twenty foot of any Highway, Street, Lane or Alley within this Neck of Boston, or of the dwelling house or Shop of any Neighbour on penalty of Ten Shillings for every Transgression of this order and Ten Shillings for every moneth such hogg or Swine shall be kept and continued in Such Stey, Unless in such place where the dung or filth runs into the Sea or Salt water.

Ordered, That whosoever shall at any time hereafter use the Exercise of Playing or kicking of foot ball within any of the Streets or Lanes within the body of this Town shall forfeit and pay the Sum of one Shilling for every Transgression of this order. Nor shall any person hereafter fire or throw any Squibb or Squibbs, Rocket or Serpent or other fireworkes, in any of the Streets, Lanes or highwayes of this Town, on paine of forfeiting three Shillings for every such offence. Nor shall any person throw or heave any Snow ball or Snowballs[1] or Stones at any person in the Streets, Lanes, or Allyes of this Town or into or against any house or houses or Shop, on paine of forfeiting One Shilling for every Transgression of this order.

[258.] Ordered, That no person shall hence forth make & fire any Lime Kiln, or Erect and burn any Brick kiln, but in Such place or places as the Select men for the time being Shall Approve and allow of, on penalty of Twenty Shillings to be paid by every person transgressing this order.

Ordered that no person shall hence forth break or digg up the Ground in any of the Streets, Lanes or highwayes in this Town, for the Laying or repairing of any dreine or any other Ocation, without the Leave and approbation of two or more of the Select men for the time being, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every such offence. Further that whosoever Shall digg or cause to be digged and broken up any ground in any

[1] Underlined in original.

Street, Lane or Highway within this Town, shall within such time as any two or more of the Select men for the time being Shall grant after the Same is broken up, cause the same to be sufficiently repaired and amended to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen. On pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Shillings, And also the Sum of Twenty Shillings p' week untill the Same be amended and repaired as aforesaid. And any person who hath heretofore at any time digged or broken up any of the ground in the Streets or Lanes and Not yet Sufficiently repaired the Same, and shall neglect so to do for the Space of One Moneth after the Select mens Notifieing them thereof shall forfeit and pay the Sum of five Shillings p' week till it be Amended & Repaired.

Ordered, That no person Suffer their yards, Orchards, pastures or Tan yards to lie open, where there is a well, Cellar, Tan pits or other pitts uncovered, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of ten shillings for every such offence, and five Shillings for every week after till Such fence be Sufficiently repaired and Amended or Such wel, pitts, or Celler be filed up or covered.

[**259.**] Ordered, That no person dwelling or Residing within this Town of Boston shall by himselfe or others, buy contract or bargaine for any sort of graine, meal, butter, fowls, mutton, veal, pork, Eggs, or any other Sort of provision, while it is bringing between Roxbery gate and the first turn of the Highway or Lane leading up to the Trayning field Except for persons y^t Live between y^t and the sd. Gate for ther own family use, before two of the clock in the after noon, on penalty of five Shillings for every such offence, Further that no Butcher shall buy or bargaine for any dead meat brought or bringing to this Town, or expose such meat to sale on penalty of ten shillings for every Transgression of this order.

Ordered, That at every Generall Town meeting there be a Moderater chosen, who shall propound all affaires to be debated, and put them to vote when they have been so debated and to demand and keep silence and Attention in the Assembly. And that no matter of any weight or moment shall be voted at any Town Meeting without the same hath been specially exprest in the warrant requireing such meeting or propounded at the begining of the meeting, that so consideration may be had of the matter before it be voted.

That whosoever at any Publick Town meeting shall fall into private conference to the hindering of the Publick business shall forfeit one Shilling for every Such offence to the use of the poor of the Town. That whosoever at any Publick Town meeting shall neglect to Observe the direction or request of the Moderater (for the time being) to keep silence, shall forfeit and pay two Shillings for the use of the poor of this Town of Boston for every Such offence.

Ordered, That the Town orders be put in Print.

Ordered, That whereas there hath been a defect in the Constables of this Town, in not returning the warrants for Assembleing Town Meetings to the great hinderance of the Inhabitants. It is therefore Ordered that if at any time hereafter the Constables be

not Presisely at the time appointed for such meeting with the return of y^e^ warrant for the calling of s^d^. meeting, every Such Constable: to whom y^e^ warrant is directed, Shall forfeit & pay y^e^ Sum̄ of Ten Shillings for Such thier Neglect.

[**260.**] March y^e^ 9^th^. 170½. At a Publick Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law being convened at the Town house the day aforesaid did then and there agree and by their Vote, Choose & declare as followeth viz.

Penn Townsend Esq^r^. to be the Moderater for this present meeting

Town Officers to serve for the year ensueing viz^t^.

Assessors Omited. The Town by their vote do refuse to choose Assessors distinct from the Select men.

Selectmen — Mes^rs^. Robert Gibbs, John Marion, Joseph Prout, John Barnerd, Richard Draper, James Barnes, Gyles Dyer, Cap^t^. Timothy Clark, Samuell Greenwood.

Town Clerk — Joseph Prout.

Overseers of the poor — Samuell Sewell Esq^r^., Edward Brumfeeld Esq^r^. Jeremiah Dummer Esq^r^. m^r^. Sam^ll^. Lynde, Cap. Ephraim Savage.

Mess^rs^. Thomas Savage Jun^r^. John Barrell, Nicholas Roberts, Thomas Hutchenson, Jonath^n^ Pollard, Samuell Burrell, Adam Winthrop, Nicholas Morcock, wer chosen constables. [within y^e^. Town]

Mess^rs^. Thomas Savage, Thomas Hutchinson, Jonathan Pollord, Adam Winthrop Refuseing to serve as Constables Mess^rs^. Charles Chancey, Edmund Knights, Samson South, John Bonus were chosen Constables in their rom.

Upon Reasons Aleged by m^r^. Samson South he is by the Town vot Excused fro Serving as Const^ble^: this year.

Cap^t^. Benj^a^. Gillam is chosen Constable.

Mess^rs^. Edmund Knights, John Bonus Refuseing to Serve as Constables Mess^rs^. Thomas Child, John Gerrish were chosen Constabls in their room.

Jonathan Townsend is chosen Constable of Boston for the district of Rumny Marsh.

Soloman Phipps is chosen Constable of Boston for the District of Muddy River.

Votes for County Treasu^r^. being given in in writing were Sealed up and Commited to Constable Benj^a^. Brame to be by him delivered to the next Court of Quarter Sessions for y^e^ County of Suffolke.

[**261.**] Messures: Richard Keats, Silence Allen, Abraham Blish, Stephen Minot, & Robert Cumbey w^r^. chosen Surveyors of Highwayes.

m^r^. Edward Tuthill is chosen Surveyor of Highwayes for Rumny marsh.

Messures: Joshua Child, Thomas Stedman & Edward Devotion are chosen Surveyors of Highwayes at muddy River.

Mess^rs^. David Langdon, Thomas Barnerd & Peter Wyer are chosen Fence veiwers within this Town.

Mess$^{rs}$. William Ireland & Samuell Townsend are chosen Fence veiwers for Rumney marsh.

Mess$^{rs}$. Ralph Shepherd & John Winchester are chosen Fence veiwers for Muddy River.

Mess$^{rs}$. John Forland, Samuell Pearse, William Keen, John Kilbey, Joseph Royall, and John Coiner, were chosen clarks of the market.

Mess$^{rs}$. John Maryon, Sen$^{r}$., Savill Simson and Joshua Lane were chosen Sealers of Leather.

Mess$^{rs}$. Samuell Lynd, William Gibbins, James Meeres, Daniell Ellin, and William Shipprevee w$^{r}$. chosen Scavingers.

Mess$^{rs}$. Henry Cole, Isaac Maryon, Samuell Gray, William Crow, Benjamen Emons Sen$^{r}$., Jacob Fernside & James Thornbery are chosen Hogg Reeves.

Mess$^{rs}$. Jabish Negus, John Eustice & Samuell Bridge Sen$^{r}$. are chosen measurer of boards & Timber.

Mess$^{rs}$. Samuell Johnson, Allexander Sherwood & Job Ingram are chosen measurers of Graine.

Thomas Davise, Robert Shelston, Gabriel Warner & Ezekiell Gardener are chosen Cryers.

Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark is chosen Cannoneer.

Elisha Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$., Penn Townsend Esq$^{r}$. and John Foster Esq$^{r}$. together with the Overseers of the poor are chosen a comittee to consider of what methode may be taken for imploying the poor of the Town and to make report thereof at the next Gen$^{ll}$. Town meeting, And that the Said committee consider what may be done for the Lessening the charge of the Town and makeing the payment of rates more easie.

The Select men together w$^{th}$. m$^{r}$. James Taylor Town Treasu$^{r}$ are appointed to consider of Such bad debts owing to the Town which have been for some considerable time due and Standing in the Town Book, and are impowered to make Such abate'm$^{t}$ thereof as they Shall judg reasonable.

m$^{r}$. James Taylor is chosen Town Treasurer.

m$^{r}$. James Taylor is by the vote of the Town allowed fifteen pounds for his Service as Treasu$^{r}$ for the year Last past.

Messures Pen Townsend Esq. Majo$^{r}$ Thomas Savage, Elizur Holyoke, Daniell Oliver & Cap$^{t}$. Bozoon Allen are chosen a committee to audit the Treasu$^{rs}$. acco$^{ts}$. for the year Ensueing.

The Select men are desired to get the Water Engine for the Quenching of fire repaired, as also the House for keeping the Same in.

[**262.**] In answere to the Petition of Susana Striker for the relief of her Son being Greviously Afflicted with the Stone. The Town by their vote do grant the Sum of Ten pounds to be drawn by the Selectmen to be paid out of the Town Treasury towards defraying the charge of cutting her Said Son of the Stone.

It is Left to the Select men to order the repairing of the fortifications within the Town, and to draw on the Town Treas. for defraying the charge thereof.

The raiseing of money for defraying the Town charges deferred, unto the next Gen$^{ll}$. Town meeting.

For the more orderly choyce of persons to serve on Juryes it is ordered, that the Select men do once a year present unto the Town a List of all persons whom they shall judg proper to Serve on Juryes. And at the Time of Such choyce the nomination shall be made out of the Said List and proposed to the vote of the Town in order to their chuseing or refuseing the persons so nominated, and this methode to continue and be observed for the year Ensueing.

Voted that the Select men, do take care to procure and provid Two water Engines Sutable for the Extingushing of fire, either by Sending for them to England or other wise to provide them for the use of this Town.

May the 12th. 1702. At a Publick meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & warned according to Law, being convened at the Town house did then and there Agree declare and chuse as followeth viz^t.

Penn Townsend Esq^r. by the vote of the Town is chosen Moderater for this present meeting.

M^r. John White, Cap^t. Andrew Belcher, Cap^t. Samuell Legg & Cap^t. Samuell Checkey are chosen by the vote of the Town to Serve for and represent them in the Great and Gen^ll. Court or Assembly to be held on the 27th. of May.

m^r. Robert Howard and m^r. Thomas Fitch are chosen to Serve as Select men for the year Ensueing, the Said m^r. Thomas Fitch declareing that he cannot attend the S^d. Service Maj^r Thomas Savage is chosen to Serve as Select man in his room.

Samuell Haugh, John Souther, and Peter Wire are chosen constables for the year Ensueing, Peter Wire pleading his being sworn to the Office of Fence Viewer is by the vote of the Town Excused from Serveing as Constable for this year and M^r. Edward Oaks is chosen to Serve as Constable in his room.

Voted that the Province Bills of Credit Shall be accepted in payment as the Town Rates now to be granted.

Voted that Three Overseers of the poor be added to the former M^r. Simion Stoddard M^r. ffrancis Thrasher and M^r. Robert Calef are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the poor for the year Ensueing.

[263.] Voted that the Sum of ninty pounds shall be paid out of the Town Treasury of the Stock now in hand towards procureing of materialls for Setting the poor at worke as the Overseers of the poor shall direct.

Voted that the Town watch be continued as formerly untill the Twentieth of June next and for one year thence next ensueing except such time in the Intrim as a Millitary watch be keept in the Town.

Voted that the Sum of One Thousand pounds be assessed by the Select men on the Inhabitants & residents of this Town to be imployed in defraying the necessary charges of this Town for the year Ensueing, the charge of the watch being included.

It being represented to this Town that as yet there hath been no Sufficient record made of the breadth of the Severall Streets and

Highwayes belonging to the Town It is Voted that the Select men do cause the Same to be measured and make a report thereof to the next Town meeting.

For keeping in Repaire the Pumps, wells &c. w$^{ch}$. are or Shall be in the Towns Ground.

Ordered that every House holder or others who are comonly known to make use of any of the pumps, wells or Cisterns, Standing or being in any of the Ground Streets or Highwayes belonging to this Town, for their Supply of watter for their Ordinary Ocations, every such person Shall allow and pay unto such of the Neighbourhood whom the Select men Shall appoint to receive the Same, Such proportionable Sum or Sums of money, as the Select men for the time being Shall Assess him or her to pay, for the keeping Such well Cestern or pump in repaire, and to be imployed to y$^{e}$ Said use. On pain that every Such person who shall neglect or refuse the payment thereof for the Space of Six dayes after the Same is demanded Shall forfeit and pay double the value of Said Sum, to the use of the poor of this Town.

June the 3$^{d}$. 1702. At a Publick meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House did then and there agree declare and chuse as followeth.

Samuell Sewall Esq$^{r}$. is chosen to be the moderator for this present meeting.

Doctor Thomas Oaks is chosen to Serve as Representitive for this Town in the Gen$^{ll}$. Assembly, in the room of Capt Andrew Belcher.

[**264.**] January the 18$^{th}$. 1702. At a Publick Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House did then and there agree declare and vote as followeth viz$^{t}$.

m$^{r}$. Henry Dereing to be moderator for this meeting.

It being proposed whether the New Bills of Credit now to be used in Publick payments of the Province, Shall be taken and accepted by the Town Treasurer in payments of the Town Rate at the Advance and after the rate of five p' Cent more then the Value therein Exprest, and the Same to pass out in payments, at their exprest value without the Said Advance, according to the Practice of the Province Treasury. Voted in the Affirmative.

Voted that the Select men do Humbly Address His Excel$^{cy}$. the Governor that he will please to prevent the Trasportation of men out of the province.

It being proposed to the Town for the regulateing of Funeralls and Lessening the Charge thereof. That dureing the present Sickness in the Town and untill furder order, that there be only a first and Second bell Tol'd at each Funerall, each bell not to exceed the space of halfe a quarter of an hour, And that there be a Moderation in the prizes of Coffins, digging of Graves, and wages of Porters for carrying the corps, And also that there be two or

three black cloaths provided at the Town charge to Lay over the Corps, Voted that it be left with the Select men to act in the foregoing perticulers respecting Funeralls, as they in prudence See meet.

Voted that the Select men do cause a pump to be placed in the Condit by the Dock nigh Wings Lane, at the Town Charge and for Publick use in case of Fire.

Voted that the Select men do appoint Officers to Inspect & Inform against the breach of the Town orders, and to allow them a Competent reward for their Service at y^e^ Town charge.

At a Publick Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Boston duly qualified & warned according to Law convened at the Town House y^e^ 16 of Feb^ry^. 1702.

Sam^ll^. Sewall Esq^r^., is Chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Samuell Legg Esq^r^., Cap^t^. Samuell Checkley, Thomas Okes, Esq^r^ & Cap^t^. Ephraim Savage, are by the Major part of the voters present at this Meeting Chosen to Serve as Representitives to Serve at the Great and Gen^ll^. Court or Assembly appointed to be kept for Her Maj^ties^. Service upon Wednsday the Tenth day of March next.

[**265.**] March the 8^th^. 1702/3. At a Publick meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, Being Convened at the Town House on the day abovesaid, did then and there Vote agree declare and chuse as followeth viz^t^.

Pen Townsend Esq^r^. Chosen Moderator for this present meeting.

The question being asked whether Assessors Shall be chosen distinct from the Select men, was voted in the Negative.

Mesu^rs^ John Barnerd, John Marrion, Richd Draper, Joseph Prout, Robert Howard, Cap^t^. Timothy Clark, Daniell Oliver, Coll. Thom^s^ Savage, Gyles Dyer Chosen to be Select men for y^e^ year Ensuing.

Joseph Prout chosen Town Clerk.

Samuell Sewall Esq^r^. Samuell Lynd Esq^r^. Jeremiah Dummer Esq. M^r^. Simion Stoddard, Edward Bromfeeld Esq. M^r^. Elizur Holyoke, M^r^. Rob^t^. Calef, M^r^. Francis Thrasher w^r^. chosen Overseers of the poor.

M^r^. James Taylor chosen Town Treasurer, and upon his motion to be Excused from S^d^. Office in his room was chosen

Joseph Prout, Town Treasurer.

John Marshall, David Farnum, Silence Allen, Thomas Thornton, Isaac Marryon, John Mountfort, Josiah Franckling, Samuell Bayley, w^r^. chosen Constables.

Edward Devotion chosen Constable at Muddy River.

John Center Chosen Constable Rumny marsh.

Jonathan Bill chosen Surveyor of the High wayes at Rumny marsh.

Edward Tuthill, Thomas Marable chosen fence veiwers for Rumny marsh.

John Tuthill, Joseph Bill chosen Tithing men for Rumny marsh.

Daniell Harris, William Sharp, Peter Bileston chosen Surveyors of Highwayes at Muddy River.

John Devotion, Thomas Woodward w^r^. chosen fence veiwers for Muddy River.

Joseph White chosen Tithing man for muddy River.

[**266.**] Cap^t^. Bozoon Allen, Joshua Gee, Samuell Bridge Sen^r^. Savill Simpson, John Goodwn Sen^r^. w^r^. chosen Surveyors of Highwayes.

Peter Wier, Thomas Barnerd & Samuell Bridge w^r^. chosen fence Veiwers.

Elisha Audly Sen^r^. Mathias Smith, Pen Townsend jun^r^., William Shepreeve, Samuell Earl, William Man w^r^. chosen Clarks of the Market.

M^r^. John Marrion Sen^r^. James Maxwell & John Goff Sen^r^. w^r^. chosen Sealers of Leather.

Henry Emms, Daniell Morey, Edward Mortemore, Allexand^r^ Millar, Joshua Hencha chosen Scavengers.

Samuell Gardener, Williams Gibbins, Hatter, & Thoms Harris, Cooper w^r^. chosen Hogg reeves.

Jabez Negus, John Eustice & Samuell Bridge w^r^. chosen measurer of Boards & Timber.

Cap^t^. Samuell Johnson, Allexander Sherwood & Job Ingram w^r^. chosen Measurers of graine.

John Goodwin jun^r^. John Baker, William Shepreeve, Timothy Wadsworth, Thomas Hunt, Steven Minot, Elisha Webb, John Sables, Benjamen Pemberton, Edward Winslow, Joseph Belknap, William Welsted jun^r^. Henry Son of Eld^r^. Bridgham, Samuell Marshall Sen^r^. John Forland, Bartho^ll^. Green w^r^. chosen Tithing men.

Upon the Motion of m^r^. Thomas Okes he alledging that there is Lately Recovered of him Twenty-five Shillings as a rate formerly Assesed upon George Danson. Voted that S^d^. M^r^. Okes be allowed the S^d^. Sum̄ of Twenty-five Shillings to be p^d^. him by the Treasu^r^.

M^r^. Joseph Belknaps Motion ab^t^. Purchaseing or hireing a peice of the Towns Land next to his house. It is referred to the Select men to consider and make report what they think proper ab^t^. it at the next Town Meeting.

Voted that the Select men do advise and pursue what they think proper to be done in Asserting & Secureing the Towns Intrest in the Blue Hill Lands at Brantry.

Voted that M^r^. James Taylor be paid out of the Treasury of this Town the Sum̄ of fifteen pounds for his Service as Treasurer for the year past.

[**267.**] Voted that the Sum̄ of Seven hundred pounds be raised as a Town rate and Assessed on the Inhabitants and Residents of this Town to be imployed in defraying the Necessary Charges arriseing w^th^. in the Town & for the repairing the Highway on the neck Leading to Roxbury.

Upon the Motion of m^r^. Francis Thrasher ab^t^. paveing Some bad place in the Neck, It is Left w^th^. the Selectmen to agree w^th^. him or Some other person ab^t^. the Same as they shall judg most convenient.

Voted that the Select men do make Inquiry ab^t^. the Towns Lands and rents & Lay an Inventary thereof before the Town

At a Publick Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law being convened at the Town House the 12th. day of Aprill 1703. did then and there vote declare agree and chuse as followeth viz^t.

M^r. Henry Dereing chosen Moderator for this meeting.

m^r. Nathaniell Oliver chosen to Serve as Comissioner to joyn w^th. the Select men or Assessors who made the valuation of the Estates in this Town the Last year to make a valuation of Polls and Estates as the Law now directs.

M^r. Daniell Oliver is chosen to Assist in s^d. worke in the room of m^r. Robert Gibbs deceaced.

Cap^t. Timothy Clarke is chosen to assist therein, who being chosen thereunto the Last year (but being taken off upon other Publick Service) was diverted then.

M^r. Thomas Fitch is chosen to Serve as Select man in the room of M^r. Richard Draper, who refuseth to Serve.

M^r. Edward Proctor is chosen to Serve as a Clark of the market in the room of m^r. William Sheppreeve.

At a Publick meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 27th. day of aprill 1703 Then and there was by vote declared agreed and chosen as followeth viz^t.

Pen Townsend Esq^r. chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen do take care to procure Some meet person to be an assistant to M^r. Ezekiell Chever in the Government of the Lattin Schooll and to allow him a Sallery not exceeding forty-five pounds p' annum, untill farther Order from the Inhabitats, at Some other meeting.

Samuell Legg Esq^r. Cap^t. Sam^ll. Checkly, Thomas Okes Esq^r. and Cap^t. Ephraim Savage are Chosen to Serve as Representitives for this Tow at the Great & Gen^ll. Assembly.

M^r. John Eyres Barbour is chosen to Serve as Constable in room of M^r. Isaac Marryon.

[268.] Voted that four more persons be chosen to be Overseers of the poor & to joyn w^th. those formerly chosen to Serve for y^e year ensueing.

M^r. Henry Dereing, Cap^t. William Clark, M^r. Elias Heath & M^r. John Borland are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the poor for the year Ensueing.

M^r. John Eyers upon Sundry reasons by him offered to this meeting was by vote discharged from Serveing as Constable. And M^r. John Ruck was Chosen in his room to Serve as Constable for the year Ensueing.

Pen Townsend Esq^r. Thomas Palmer Esq^r. John Clark Esq^r. Cap^t. Bozoon Allen, & M^r. Thom^s Bannister are Chosen to be a Committee to Audit the Treasu^rs. Acco^ts.

June 1. At a Publick Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified and warned according to Law being convened at the Town-House the day afore-

said did then and there chuse Vote declare and Agree as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$. Moderator for this meeting.

M$^{r}$. Elizur Holyoke to Serve as Representitive in y$^{e}$ room of Sam$^{ll}$. Legg Esq$^{r}$.

Upon a debate ab$^{t}$. y$^{e}$ Settleing a Sallery upon an assitant to M$^{r}$. Chever in the Governm$^{t}$. of y$^{e}$ Lattin School. Voted that the Same be referred to the determination of the next Town meeting, & that notice there of be incerted in the warrant for the calling Such meeting.

M$^{r}$. John Love is chosen to Serve as Constable in y$^{e}$ room of M$^{r}$. John Ruck for the year ensueing.

June 25$^{th}$. At a Publick meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified and warned being convened this day did by vote declare as followeth. viz$^{t}$.

Coll. Penn Townsend is chosen Moderator for this meeting.

The Town by their vote do declare their Approbation of M$^{r}$. Nathaniell Williams to be an Assistat to m$^{r}$. Ezekiell Chever in Governing & Instructing the youth at the Lattin School.

Voted that M$^{r}$. Nathniel Williams be allowed the Sum̄ of Eighty pounds for the year ensueing in case he accept and perform the aforesaid Service.

And it is Left to the Select men to agree w$^{th}$ him accordingly.

[**269.**] March the 13$^{th}$. 1703/4. At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Town House on the day aforesaid, did then & there chuse, Vote, declare and Agree as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$ to be Moderator for this meeting.

That the Overseers of the Poor have Liberty to procure Some meet person or persons to preach a Sermon to the persons in the Almes-House once every Saboth day dureing Such time as a competent number of persons are their confined and to defray the Charge thereof to the value of Ten Shillings for each Saboth (on w$^{ch}$ a Sermon is there Preached,) out of the Town Treasury excepting for Such Saboth dayes on which any of the Settled Ministers of this Town Shall preach there.

Agreed not to chuse Assessors distinct from the Select men.

m$^{r}$. John Marion, Joseph Prout, Daniel Oliver Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark, John Barnerd, Gyles Dyer, Robert Howard, Cōll. Thomas Savage, Thomas Fitch w$^{re}$. chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensueing.

Joseph Prout to Serve as Town Clerk.

Andrew Fanuel, Joseph Marriner, Daniel Wyborne, John Burnebee, William Brown, East Apthorp, John Pym, John Barbour are Chosen to Serve as Constables within y$^{e}$ Town for the year Ensueing.

Andrew Fanuel, William Brown and Joseph Marriner, Accepting to pay their fines for not Serveing as Constables.

Samuell Baker, Thomas Hood & Thomas Newton w$^{r}$. Chosen in their room.

Samuel Baker haveing p$^{d}$ his fine for not Serveing Constable Cap$^{t}$. Roger Lawson is chosen Constable in his room.

Thomas Newton & Thomas Hood upon reasons aledged on their be halfe are by Vote discharged from the Service of constables.

Thomas Foster & Nicholas Buttolph w$^{r}$. chosen to Serve as Constables in their Sted.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Treasuer for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

The Sum̄ of fifteen pounds is granted unto Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasu$^{r}$ for y$^{e}$ year past.

[270.] Thomas Bratle Esq$^{r}$. Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$. Sam$^{ll}$. Lynde Esq. Mesu$^{rs}$ Simeon Stoddard, William Clark, Elias Heath, Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage, Elizur Holyoke, Henry Dereing, John Borland, Stephen Minot & William Welsted w$^{r}$. chosen Overseers of the Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

The Several Officers chosen for the district of Rumny Marsh to Serve for the year ensueing are as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Thomas Berry to Serve as Constable.

John Centre as Surveyor of Highwayes.

Jonathan Bill, Elisha Tuthill, as Tithingmen.

Jonathan Townsen, William Hasie, as Fence Veiwers.

The Severall Officers chosen to Serve within the district of Muddy River viz$^{t}$.

Ralph Shepherd to Serve as Constable.

Peter Bileston as Surveyor of Highwayes.

Samuell Clark, Samuell Aspinall, as Fence veiwers.

Joseph White as Tithingman.

Severall more Offices to serve in this Town viz$^{t}$.

Thomas Barnerd, Peter Wirer, Samuel Bridge, to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark, Timothy Wadsworth, Robert Howard, Daniel Oliver & Thom$^{s}$ Fitch to Serve as Surveyors of Highwayes.

Jonathan Loreing, Elisha Webb, Samuell Gardener, Henry Bridgham Son of y$^{e}$ Elder, Ebenezer Lowle, Jonathan Williams, to Serve as Clarks of y$^{e}$ market.

William Jepson, John Goff, Joshua Lane, to Serve as Sealers of Lether.

William Robie, Henry Emms, Joseph Squire Seth Smith, Allexand$^{r}$ Miller, Scavengers.

Samuel Gardener, William Gibbins, Thomas Harris to Serve as Hog-reeves.

[271.] Deacon John Barnerd, Jabez Negus, Samuell Bridge, Thomas Bernard to Serve as Measurers of Boards & Timb$^{r}$.

L$^{t}$ Samuell Johnson, Allexander Sherard & Job Ingram, to Serve as Measurers of graine.

Henry Ingram as a Culler of Staves.

Jonas Clark, Edward Proctor, Joseph Royal Saylmak$^{r}$, Benjamen Emmons, jun$^{r}$., Daniell Powning, Samuell Oker, Henry Bridgam Son of Jonath$^{n}$, Edward Okes, Nathaniel Aires, John Bucanan, Nicholas Sparry, John Cuneyball, Seth Dwight, William Tedman, John Adams, William Tilley to Serve as Tithingmen.

Voted that the Selectmen Lay out one hundred pounds in pave-

ing Such Places of the Streets as they shall judg most needfull & therein to have perticuler regard to the Highway nigh Old m^rs Stoddard's House.

Elisha Cook Esq^r., Collonoll Elisha Hutchinson, Cōll. Pen Townsend, Cōll. Thomas Savage & Capt. Timothy Clark, are appointed to be a Committee to veiw the Fortifications of this Town, and Advise about the repaires thereof, and the Selectmen are to Expend thereon not exceeding the Sum̄ of fifty pounds.

Voted, that a New School House be build in Stead of the Old School House in w^ch m^r Ezekiell Chever Teacheth, and it is Left w^th the Select men to get the Same accomplished.

Voted that the Sum̄ of Twelve hundred pounds be Assessed by the Select men on the Inhabitants and Estates of this Town, to be imployed in defraying the necessary Charges there of.

Aprill 19^th. At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit^ts of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House on the 19^th day of Aprill, 1704, did then and there chuse vote agree and declare as followeth viz^t.

M^r Henry Dereing to be Moderater for this Meeting.

M^r Thomas Jackson to Serve as Select man for the year ensueing.

M^r. Benjamen Walker to Serve as an Overseer of y^e Poor in the room of Thomas Bratle Esq^r.

[272.] Mesu^rs. Joseph Simpson, John Baker, & John Noyes to Serve as Constables for the ensueing year in y^e room of Mesu^rs. Dan^ll. Wyborn, John Barbor & Nich^ll. Buttolph.

M^r. John Noyes refuseing to Serve & promiseing to pay his fine, M^r. David Jess is Chosen to Serve as Constable in his Stead.

Elisha Hutchinson Esq^r., John Foster Esq^r., Samuell Legg Esq^r. Pen Townsend Esq^r. & Thomas Brattle Esq^r. Are Chosen a Committee to Audit the Treasurers acco^t for the year Ensueing.

Mesu^rs. Henry Dereing, Oliver Noyes, Stephen Minot, Richard Draper, Simion Stoddard, & William Anthram are Chosen to be a Committee, to Enquire into the best Expedient for the Asserting and maintaining the Towns Intrest in the flats Abutting on the Streets, Lanes & High wayes in this Town: And to Advise with the Select men there abouts.

Voted that the Select men do in behalfe of this Town return thanks to m^r. Francis Thrasher for his Service in Overseeing the Repaireing the Almes House & yard & the fenceing the burying place and the Pound, & his manageing the paveing at the neck, and his Service as Overseer of the Poor, Like wise thanks to M^r. Rob^t Calef for his Servic: as an Overseer of y^e Poor.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the fifteenth day of May Anno Domm^i 1704 did then and there vote chuse and declare as followeth viz^t.

Pen Townsend Esq^r. to serve as Moderator for this present meeting.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. Thomas Okes Esq$^{r}$. Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage, Cap$^{t}$. Sam$^{ll}$ Checkley w$^{r}$. chosen to Serve as Representives at the Gen$^{ll}$. Court to be held on Wednsday the 31$^{th}$ of May Curr$^{t}$.

M$^{r}$. John Briggs grasier to serve as Constable for the year ensueing, in y$^{e}$ room of m$^{r}$. Joseph Simpson.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. being present did declare unto the Assembly his non acceptance of the Service unto w$^{ch}$ he was now chosen.

It being objected *at this meeting* that Sundry of the Inhabitants were with drawn & gon: It was Voted by the Maj$^{r}$ part of those present, not to proceed to a new choyce of a Representitive at this meeting.

[**273.**] At a meeting of the Free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified & warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 26$^{th}$ day of May did then and there chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

M$^{r}$. Henry Dering to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

M$^{r}$. Elizur Holyoke (was by the Major part of the voters present) chosen to Serve as their Representitive in the room of Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Boston duly quallified and warned, being convened the eleventh day of of September Anno Domm$^{i}$ 1704.

Deacon John Marrion was chosen Moderator for S$^{d}$ meeting.

Cap$^{t}$. Nathanill Green junior was Chosen to Serve as Constable for the remayning part of the year ensueing in the room of M$^{r}$. John Burneby who is gone on a voyage to Sea.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified and warned according to Law being convened at the Town House in Boston the 30$^{th}$ of Septemb$^{r}$. 1704 did then and there Chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage moderator for S$^{d}$. meeting.

M$^{r}$. Thomas Godfrey to Serve in y$^{e}$ office of Constable for the remayning part of the year ensueing in the room of Cap$^{t}$. Nathaniell Green who hath refused to Serve.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Town House the 12$^{th}$ day of March 1704\5 did then and there vote declare and chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$. to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

Voted to chuse nine Select men for the year ensueing.

Daniel Oliver, Thomas Fitch, Joseph Prout, Thomas Jackson, John Barnerd, Timothy Clark, John Marrion, Elias Heath, Daniell Powning were chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensueing.

Joseph Prout to Serve as Town Clerk for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Peter Hauksworth, John Langdon Sen$^{r}$. Jonathan Jackson, Ezekiel Lewise, Eliah Adams, Thomas Salter, Elisha Webb, John Cookson were chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Jonathan Jackson, Ezekiell Lewise, Eliah Adams, and John Cookson declare their refusall to Serve as Constables & Samuel Gardener, Hopestill Foster, Benjamen Emmons jun$^{r}$. William Tilley were chosen to Serve as Constables in their room.

[**274.**] William Tilley for Sundry reasons by him offered is by the Vote of the Town excused from the Service of Constable for the year ensueing unto w$^{ch}$. he was chosen.

Severall Officers chosen to Serve for y$^{e}$ District of Muddy Riv$^{r}$. viz$^{t}$.

Thomas Stedman to Serve as Constable.

John Winchester jun$^{r}$. John Ackers, Abraham Chamberline, Surveyors of Highwayes.

John Sever, Benjamen White, Fence Veiwers.

Joseph White, Samuell Aspinwall, Tithingmen.

Robert Cumbey, John Nicholls, William Jepson, Samuell Barrat, John Dasset, Joseph Marshall, Samuell Gray, Samuell Marrion, James Grant, Jonathan Williams, Josiah Biles Sen$^{r}$. Nicholas Bow, Wigglesworth Switcher, James Williams, Edward Gray, John Clough were chosen to Serve as Tithing men for the year ensueing.

Oficers chosen for the district of Rumny Marsh viz$^{t}$.

Jonathan Bill to Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Elisha Bennet Surveyor of Highwayes.

Edward Tuthill & Hugh Floyd for Tithing men.

John Centre & John Floyd for Fence Veiwers for the year ensueing.

Joseph Prout to Serve as Treasu$^{r}$ for the year ensueing.

Granted unto Joseph Prout the Sum of fifteen pounds to be paid him out of the Treasury for his service as Treasurer for the year past.

It being proposed to the Town whether they would chuse a Collecto to gether the rates, and the same was voted in the negative.

Voted that Robert Calef & Francis Thrasher be dischared from paying Intrest for the Sum of one hundred and Twenty pounds formerly put into their hands by the Overseers of the Poor.

[**275.**] Simion Stoddard Esq$^{r}$. Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$. Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$. Samuell Lynde Esq$^{r}$. Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage Mesu$^{rs}$. Elizur Holyoke Benjamen Walker, John Borland, Henry Dering, William Clark, Stephen Minot, & William Welsteed wer chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$. Bozoon Allen, L$^{t}$. Samuel Johnson, Joseph Belknap jun$^{r}$. Benjamen Pemberton & Edward Winslow were chosen to Serve as Surveyors of the Highwayes of the year ensueing.

Savill Simpson, William Paine Joyner, Samuell Haugh, Joseph Grant, John Eustice & Richard Gridley were chosen to Serve as Clarks of y$^{e}$ market for y$^{e}$ Ensueing year.

Benjamen Emmons Sen$^{r}$. Joshua Lane & William Jepson w$^{r}$. chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

William Robie, Henry Emms, Joseph Squire, Seth Smith, & Alexand$^{r}$ Miller were chosen to Serve as Scavengers for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Samuell Bridge, Thomas Leveret, Sam$^{ll}$. Thorn & William Shepreeve w$^{re}$. chosen to Serve as Hogreeves for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Samuell Bridge, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Barnerd, Peter Wire & David Langdon were chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for the year ensueing.

Voted that m$^{r}$. Nathaniell Williams be paid at the rate of Eighty pounds p Annum for his Service at the Lattin School for the year currant and for the year thence next ensueing.

Voted that Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. Elisha Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$. & John Foster Esq$^{r}$. be a Committee to treat and gree with Samuell Sewall Esq$^{r}$. about purchaceing of him a peice of Land for the Enlargement of the north Burying place.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. Elder Joseph Bridgham, Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage, Cap$^{t}$. Bozoon Allen, & Cap$^{t}$. Oliver Noyse are chosen a Committee to consider and draw up what they shall thinck proper on the behalfe of this Town, to Lay before the Gen$^{ll}$. Court at their next Sessions, relateing to a Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Muddy River who pray that they may be dismist from the Town of Boston: & become a Town Ship of themselves.

[**276.**] For the preventing of Rams going with the Ewes out of due Season, within the District of Rumny Marsh. Ordered. That whosoever of the Inhabitants within the district aforesaid Shall finde or take up any Ram going with his or their Sheep, at any time from the tenth of August to the Tenth of November yearly, Such Ram Shall be forfeited to Such person so finding and takeing up the Same.

May the 14$^{th}$ 1705. At a meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law being convened at the Town House the day and year aforesaid, did then and there Vote chuse, and declare as followeth viz$^{t}$.

M$^{r}$. John White to be moderator he not accepting Penn Townsend Esq$^{r}$. to be the moderator for this meeting.

William Briggs chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in the room of William Tilley, the said Briggs being present pleading his being Latly Imprest and haveing now his Servant in Her Maj$^{ties}$ Service at the Castle in his room is by a vote of the Town dismist from Serveing as Constable for this year.

Andrew Cunnigham is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in the room of William Briggs, S$^{d}$. Cunningham pleading a lameness in his Armes is by y$^{e}$ vote of the Town Excused from S$^{d}$ Service.

Allexander Sherrar is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing he being present refuseth to Serve and promiseth to pay his fine.

Joseph Hubbert is chosen to Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensueing & Sworn.

M$^{r}$. Thomas Cushing is chosen to Serve as Selectman for the year ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$. Samuell Checkley, M$^{r}$. Thomas Okes, Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage, M$^{r}$. Elizur Holyok: chosen to Serve as Representitives of this

Town in Gen$^{ll}$. Assembly to be held the 30$^{th}$. of May Curr$^{t}$. & so De Die in Diem.

Voted that the Sum̄ of One thousand pounds be Assessed by the Select men on the Inhabitants & Estates of this Town, for defraying the Necessary Charges Ariseing within the Same.

Voted that the Committee Appointéd in March Last to treat ab$^{t}$. purchaceing a peice of Land to Inlarge the North [277.] Burying place are impowered to treat & Agree as well with any other person (who hath Land convenient there) as w$^{th}$. Samuell Sewall Esq$^{r}$.

Voted that Thanks be returned to those Gentlemen, who served as Overseers of the Poor the last year for their Service therein. And that those of them who have begun S$^{d}$. Servic for this present year Viz$^{t}$. Simion Stoddard Esq$^{r}$. M$^{r}$. Benjamen Walker, M$^{r}$. Henry Dering, Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$. M$^{r}$. John Borland and M$^{r}$. William Welsteed are desired to continue in the S$^{d}$. Service, And Gentlemen chosen to joyn with them as Overseers of the poor for the remaining part of the year ensueing in the room and stead of Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$. Samuell Lynd Esq$^{r}$. Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage M$^{r}$. Elizur Holyoke, Cap$^{t}$. William Clark & M$^{r}$. Stephen Minot are as followeth viz$^{t}$.

M$^{r}$. Francis Clark, M$^{r}$. William Shepreeve, M$^{r}$. John Marshall, M$^{r}$. James Smith, M$^{r}$. Abraham Blish, M$^{r}$. John Pitts.

Voted that Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. Elisha Hutchenson Esq$^{r}$. John Foster Esq$^{r}$. Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$. Samuel Legg Esq$^{r}$. & Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$. be a committee to Audit the Treasurers acco$^{t}$. for the year ensueing.

March the 11$^{th}$ 1705\6. At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law being convened at the Town House the day and year afore sayd did then and there Vote, chuse and declare as followeth, viz$^{t}$.

Samuell Sewall Esq$^{r}$. to Serve as Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted that nine Select men Shall be chosen to Serve for the year ensueing.

Voted that the Town will not chuse Assessors distinct from the Select men.

Daniel Oliver, Thomas Cushing, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Fitch, Daniel Powning, Joseph Prout, John Barnerd, Thomas Jackson, Timothy *Thornton*, Samuell Greenwood to Serve as Select men for the year ensueing.

next was read the Petition of Sundry of the Inhabit$^{ts}$ of Rumny Marsh ab$^{t}$. the building a meeting house there

Voted to reasume the former vote ab$^{t}$. assessors.

Voted, not to Chuse Assessors distinct from y$^{e}$ Select men.

Joseph Prout to Serve as Town Clerk for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

[278.] Jonas Clark, Peter Wear, William Antram, William Briggs, Jonathan Waldo, Edward Proctor, William Sutton, Joseph Wadsworth chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing.

M$^{r}$. Joseph Wadsworth being present & declareing that he was

this day imprest to Serve her Maj$^{tie}$ at the Castle where upon the Town by their Vote do discharge him from Serveing as Constable for the year ensueing.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Treas$^{ur}$. for the year ensueing.

It being put to Vote whether the Town would chose a Collector for gathering the rates for the year ensueing and it being called in question on which Side the Vote was. It was agreed to put the Same to vote againe, & after much debate It was concluded not to Chuse a Collector.

Officers chosen to Serve within & for the district of Rumny marsh for the year ensueing viz$^{t}$.

Jonathan Eustice to Serve as Constable.

John Floyd to Serve as Surveyer of y$^{e}$ Highwayes.

Francis Love & William Hasie to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

John Chamberline & Jonathan Townsend to Serve as Tythingmen.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. Elisha Hutchenson Esq$^{r}$. Samuell Sewel Esq$^{r}$. Penn Townsend Esq$^{r}$. & Eld$^{r}$. Joseph Bridham are apointed a Committee to consider and make report at the next Town meeting of what they shall think proper to Lay before the Town relating to the Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Rumny marsh ab$^{t}$. the building of a meeting House there

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. Elisha Hutchenson Esq$^{r}$. Samuell Sewall Esq$^{r}$. Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$. John Foster Esq$^{r}$. Edward Bromfeeld Esq$^{r}$. Elder Joseph Bridgham & Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark are appointed a Committee to Examine & consider the State of the Almes & Worke House and to make report to the next Town meeting of what they Shall think proper for the management thereof for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$. John Ballentine, Thomas Banister Sen$^{r}$. Samuell Phillips, Joshua Gee & Francis Thrasher to Serve as Surveyors of Highwayes for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

[279.] Ephraim Hunt, Robert Howard, Joshua Winsor, Benjamen Gibson, Richard Proctor, James Gooch, Robert Butcher, L$^{t}$. Nathaniell Holmes, Nathaniell Henchman, John Ruck, John Cotta Sen$^{r}$. Samuell Jacklin, William Man, L$^{t}$. Samuell Johnson, Joseph Hill, Henry Hill were chosen to Serve as Tythingmen for the year ensueing.

M$^{r}$. Robert Howard being present & alledging that he was but few years before chosen to that Service he is by the Town vote excused for this year & M$^{r}$. Joseph Russell is chosen to Serve as Tythingman in his room.

Robert Gutredge, sen$^{r}$. John Brick, John Cotta jun$^{r}$. Ichabod Williston, Robert Calef jun$^{r}$., & Daniell Loreing are chosen to Serve as Clarks of the Market for the year ensueing.

John Atwood, Savill Simpson, Silence Allen & William Jepson, are chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for the year ensueing.

John Allen, James Meers, William Keen, Thomas Clark & John Bucanan as Chosen to Serve as Scavingers for the year ensueing.

John Oliver Cooper, Ambrose Vincent, Joseph Squire, Thomas

Snow & David Norton to Serve as Hoggreeves for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Barnerd, Samuell Bridg, David Langdon & John Eustice are chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Voted that M$^{r}$. Nathaniell Williams be allowed the Same Sallery for his Service as School master for the year ensueing as for y$^{e}$ year Last past.

Allexander Seers, Samuell Bridge, John Eustice, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Barnerd & John Parker to Serve as measurers of board Timb$^{r}$. and Plank for the year ensueing.

L$^{t}$. Samuel Johnson, John Green Cooper, Barrat Dyer and Joseph Briscow Sen$^{r}$. to Serve as measurers of grain.

Voted that Thanks be returned to the Overseers of the poor for their Service the Last year, and the Town by their Vote do desire them to Continue in that Service untill the next Town Meeting.

It being pleaded on the behalfe of Peter Wear that his Serveing as Constable for the ensuing year under the present Circumstances of his family would prove extreamly prejudiciall to him, upon w$^{ch}$ the Town by their Vote do excuse him from that Service for the year ensueing.

Voted that the filling up of Constables be deferred untill the next Town meeting.

Votes w$^{r}$ given in for a County Treasurer & delivered to the Constable.

[280.] March the 29$^{th}$ 1706. At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Town-House, the day and year aforesaid did then and there Vote agree declare and chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$. to be the Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted that Seven persons Shall be chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor and to mannage the affaires of the Almes & work House for the year ensueing in the like methode as the Same was managed in the Last year.

Simien Stoddard Esq$^{r}$. Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$. Messu$^{rs}$. John Borland, John Pitts, Henry Dering, Francis Clark & William Welsteed are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Voted the reasumeing the Vote of the Town at the Last meeting referring to the not Chuseing of Assessors Distinct from the Select men.

Voted that Assessors for apportioning the Province Tax for this year, be chosen distinct from the Select men.

Voted that five persons Shall be chosen Assessors.

Samuel Lynd Esq$^{r}$. Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark, Cap$^{t}$. Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson, Messur$^{cs}$. Isaiah Tay & James Barnes are chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Province Rates & Taxes for the year ensueing.

Henry y$^{e}$ Son of Eld$^{r}$. Bridgham, Seth Dwight and Benjamen Simpson are chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing in the room of Joseph Wadsworth, Jonathan Waldo & Peter Wear who are excused from that Service.

Voted the reasumeing the Vote of the Last meeting referring to the choyce of a Collector.

Voted that there Shall be a Collector or Collectors chosen to collect the Province Tax for the year ensueing.

Voted that One Collector be chosen & the Same to be done by a Paper Vote.

M^r^. Samuell Bridge is chosen to Serve as Collector of the Province Rates & Taxes for the year ensueing, and it is left with the Select men to agree with him for such Sum̄ or Sum̄es as they shall judg to be a Sutable reward for his S^d^ Service.

Voted that One hundred Pounds be Assessed on the Inhabitants & Estates of this Town and Layd out in paveing the mayn Street twarsds or Leading to the South end of the Town & fifty pounds more in paveing at the Lower end of the Town House, & that eleven hundred & fifty pounds more be in like manner raised for defraying the other charges of the Town.

[281.] Voted that the Sum̄ of fifteen pounds be paid out of the Treasury unto Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasurer in the Last year.

Henry Hill is by Vote excused from Serveing as Tythingman for this year, it being aledged that he hath been this year impressed to Serve Her Maj^tie^ at the Castle.

Samuel Jackling & Joshua Winsor aledging Infirmity of Body, and L^t^. Sam^ll^. Johnson & Robert Butcher aldging their being under Oath in other offices in y^e^ Town yet not with standing the Town by their Vote do refuse to excuse either of them from Serveing as Tythingmen for the year ensueing.

John Barbour and John Cookson are chosen to Serve as Tythingmen in the room of John Ruck and Joseph Russell who have fined.

Obediah Proctor is chosen to Serve as Tything-man in the room of William Man who hath fin'ed.

Thomas Peck is chosen to Serve as Tythingman in the room of James Gooch who hath fin'ed.

Soloman Kneeland is chosen to Serve as Tything-man in the room of Henry Hill.

The Committee appointed at the Last meeting to consider and make report at this meeting of what they Shuld thinck proper to Lay before the Town relating to the Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Rumny marsh ab^t^. the building of a meeting house there Signifieing that they are not fully prepared to make report thereof they are continued in that Service untill the next meeting.

And the Gentlemen of the S^d^ Committee together w^th^ John Foster Esq^r^. Edward Bromfeeld Esq^r^. & m^r^. Henry Dering are appointed a Committee to consider and make report at the next Town meeting of what they shall thinck proper relateing to m^r^. Derings motion made for Suppressing & preventing of fire.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit^ts^ of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Town House the 14^th^ day of May 1706 did then and there by their Vote declare and Chuse as followeth viz^t^.

Samuell Sewall Esq^r^. to Serve as Moderater for y^s^ meeting.

Coll°. Samuel Checkley, M^r^. Elizur Holyoke, M^r^. Thomas Okes, & Cap^t^. Ephraim Savage to Serve as Representitives for this Town at the Gen^ll^. Assemb to be held the 29^th^. of May curr^t^. & So De Die in Diem.

[282.] June the 10^th^ 1706.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit^ts^ of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law being convened at the Town House the day and year above said did then and there by their vote agree declare and chuse as followeth viz^t^.

Cap^t^. Ephraim Savage to be the Moderator for this meeting.

Voted that that the Committee formerly appointed ab^t^. a meeting House at Rumny marsh be continued & to make report thereof at the next Publick meeting in March.

Voted that the Committee formerly appointed to consider ab^t^ the Suppressing of fire are continued untill march: meeting, unless they are prepared to make their report at any Publick Town meeting w^ch^ shall be in the Intrim.

M^r^. Elias Heath, Cap^t^. Thomas Hutchenson, M^r^. James Barnes & Cap^t^. Timothy Clark, are chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensueing: in the room of M^r^. Timothy Thornton, Cap^t^. Thomas Fitch, & M^r^. Thomas Jackson and M^r^. Samuel Greenwood, who being chosen to S^d^ Office have refused to Serve.

Voted, that a Committee be apointed to Consider of what shall be needfull to be done about Fortifieing the Town for its defence against the Enemie: and that the S^d^ Committee do make application to his Excellencey the Governor for his Approbation therein. And to make report to the next Town meeting of what they Shall thinck proper to to Lay before the Town relating thereunto.

Elisha Cook, Esq^r^., Elisha Hutchinson Esq^r^. Penn Townesend Esq^r^., Coll°. Samuell Checkley, & Cap^t^. Oliver Noyes are chosen to be of S^d^ Committee.

Voted that the S^d^ Committee do also make report to the next Town Town meeting of what they Shall thinck proper to be done for Secureing the Powder within this Town.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Old meeting House in Boston afore said the 12^th^ day of June Anno Dom^i^. 1706 did then and there agree, conclude & declare as followeth viz^t^.

Elder Joseph Bridgham to be moderator for this meeting.

*That* where as the Committee appointed by the Town (at their last meeting on the 10^th^ of June Curr^t^.) to Consider of what Shall be thought needfull to be done about Fortifieing this Town for its defence against the Enemie, and to make Application to his Excellency y^e^ Gov^r^. for his approbation therein, and to make report to the next Town meeting of what they think proper to Lay before the Town relating thereunto, The w^ch^ Committee haveing now Signified to the Town that they haveing accordingly Applyed themselves to his Excellency. [283.] The Governor who was pleased to Signifie unto them his Free Approbation and Consent

that the Inhabitants of Boston Should proceed to Fortifie the S$^{d}$ Town for their better Security, according to the proposalls by them made and now presented to the Town meeting and are as followeth viz$^{t}$.

A projection for the carrying out the north Battrey 120 foot in length and forty foot in breadth & 18 foot to high water marke viz$^{t}$.

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| To Timber . . . . . | £ 200 | |
| Planck for the platform . . . . . | £ .20 | |
| Spikes & Iron worke . . . . . | £ .30 | |
| Timber for y$^{e}$ Parepit . . . . . | £ .50 | |
| Labour & Some Stone . . . . . | £ 150 | |
| | ——— | £450 |
| Repaireing the South Battery in the Platforms and Carryages . . . . | | £ 100 |
| For a Fortification at the neck . . . . . | | £ 200 |
| Recruiting the field Carryages . . . . . | | £ .20 |
| Sundry disburstments . . . . . | | £ .30 |
| | | ——— |
| | | £: 800 |

After Some debates at the S$^{d}$. Town meeting ab$^{t}$. the premisies, they proceeded to pass the following votes viz$^{t}$.

Voted that the Sum of one Thousand pounds money be assessed on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town to be layd out in Fortifieing the Town in manner afore S$^{d}$.

Voted that the Town will choose Seven persons to be a Committee to manage the S$^{d}$ affaire.

Voted the Thanks of this Town to the S$^{d}$ Committee for what they have already done for the Town ab$^{t}$. the premisies and that they viz$^{t}$. Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Hutchenson Esq$^{r}$., Pen Townesend Esq$^{r}$., Coll$^{o}$. Samuel Checkley, and Cap$^{t}$. Oliver Noyse together with Thomas Brattle, Esq$^{r}$., and Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark, are the persons nominated and chosen to be the Committee to mañage the affaires of the Fortifications as afore S$^{d}$.

Voted that the S$^{d}$ Committee may at their discretion improve Some part of the aforesaid Sum̄, in preparations to make Some defence upon Noddles Iseland.

Voted that the Said Sum̄ of One thousand pounds, and the Sum̄ formerly granted by the Town for defraying the other necessary Charges arriseing within the Same be Speedily apportioned and collected, and that the first of S$^{d}$ money So collected Shall be improved for the S$^{d}$ Fortifications, and that the S$^{d}$ Committee are desired to be Speedy in their Endevours to Set ab$^{t}$. S$^{d}$ worke.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and warned according to Law, being Convened at the Town house the 21$^{th}$ day of October, 1706, did then and there agree conclude and declare as followeth, viz$^{t}$.

Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Fitch to Serve as moderator for this meeting. Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. John Foster Esq$^{r}$. Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$. m$^{r}$. William Harrise & Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Fitch or any three of them

meeting to Attend S$^{d}$. Service, are appointed to Audit the Treasurers acco$^{t}$. for this present year upon the report made to y$^{e}$ Town by y$^{e}$ Comittee for Fortifications.

[284.] Voted that the Inhabitants of this Town will proceed to grant a further Supply of money for the Secureing & finishing the wharffs already begun and placed att Merryes Poynt, and for the Fortification to be placed there. And also for Some Additionall wharfe to face the old wharfe where the guns formerly Stood, in order to improve the Same for an income to the Town.

Voted That one Thousand pounds money be Assessed on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town to be laid out on y$^{e}$ Wharffs and Fortification at Merryes Poynt, & y$^{e}$ Same to be Apportioned w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ next T. Rate.

March 10. At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Old meeting house the 10$^{th}$. day of March Anno Domm$^{i}$ 1706\7 did then and there Vote, Agree, declare and chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$. the Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted That Assessors Shall be chosen distinct from the Select men.

Voted that nine Select men Shall be chosen to Serve for the year ensueing.

Voted that M$^{r}$. Stephen Minot, M$^{r}$. Abraham Blish, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Hutchinson, M$^{r}$ Daniel Oliver, Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark, M$^{r}$. Francis Thresher, M$^{r}$. Daniel Powning, M$^{r}$. Thomas Cushing, and Joseph Prout are the persons chosen to Serve as Select men.

Voted that Seven Assessors be chosen to Apportion the Rates & Taxes on S$^{d}$ Town for the year ensueing.

M$^{r}$. James Barnes, M$^{r}$. John Marrion, M$^{r}$. Thomas Walker, M$^{r}$. Richard Draper, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Fitch, M$^{r}$. Edward Martine, & M$^{r}$. Joshua Gee are the persons Chosen to Serve as Assessors for the year ensueing.

Voted that M$^{r}$. John Marrion for reasons by him given is excused from Serveing as Assessor for thee year ensueing.

Voted that M$^{r}$. Robert Calef Serve as Assessor in the room of M$^{r}$. John Marrion.

Joseph Prout he is chosen to Serve as Town Clark for y$^{e}$ year ensuend and also he is chosen to Serve as Treasurer for the ensueing year.

James Collison, Cap$^{t}$. Gilbert Bant, Thomas Verine, Ebenezar Lowel, Ezekiell Cleesbee, Robert Gutridge Sen$^{r}$. John Dolbeer & John Frizzell w$^{r}$. chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$. Gibert Bant & John Dolbeer declareing their refusall to Serve as Constables & promiseing to pay their fine for not Serveing m$^{r}$. Jonathan Belcher & James Lablond w$^{r}$. chosen in their Room.

Mesu$^{rs}$. Jonathan Belcher, John Frizzell & James Lablond refuseing to Serve as Constables & promiseing to pay thier fines.

Paul Collings, Thomas Banister jun$^{r}$. & Edward Grey w$^{r}$. chosen to Serve in their Roome.

[285.] Paul Collings, & Edward Gray refuseing to Serve as Constables & promiseing to pay their Fines, Samuel Salter & Jonathan Loreing w^r chosen to Serve in their room.

Voted that Seven Overseers of the Poor Shall be chosen.

Voted thanks of this Town to the former Overseers of the Poor for their Service in the year past.

Simion Stoddard Esq^r. Thomas Palmer Esq^r. M^r. Henry Dering, M^r. John Pitts, & M^r. William Welsteed, M^r. Thomas Banister & M^r. John Ruck are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Simion Stoddard Esq^r. M^r. John Pitts & M^r. Henry Dering having Signified their refusall of Serveing as Overseers of the Poor.

M^r. William Harris: M^r. John Bolt & Cap^t. Samuell Keeling w^r chosen in their room to Serve as Overseers of the Poor.

Notice being given that some others who were chosen as above as Overseers of the Poor would not Serve the Town proceeded to chose.

M^r. Benj^a. Pemberton & M^r. Ezekiell Lewise to Serve as Overseers of the Poor in their room.

Votes brought in for County Treasurer and being Sealed up w^r delivered to Consta William Antram by him to be delivered to be the Q^t. Sessions.

Samuell Clark, John Wilson, Soloman Blake, John Eustice, Barrat Dyer, John Carey, Nathan^ll Balston, David Colson, John Aires, Jonath^n. Mountfort, John Combs, John Rogers, Ezekiell Walker, Nicholas Boon, John Allen Cooper, Samuell Deming w^r Chosen to Serve as Tythingmen for the year ensueing.

William Cleer, James Hawkins, Benjamen Gibson, Soloman Kneeland, Eneas Salter, Sam^ll. Green Barbour, to Serve as Clarks of y^e market for the year ensueing.

Mes^urs. Timothy Lendall, Thomas Salter, William Tilley John Colman, & Samuell Greenwood, jun^r., to Serve as Surveyors of the Highwayes.

Silence Allen, Joshua Lane, William Jepson, *Thomas Thornton*, to Serve as Sealers of Lether.

Cap^t. Thomas Barnerd, David Langdon, Samuell Bridge, John Eustice to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

Allexander Seers, John Eustice, Samuell Bridge Cap^t. Thomas Barnerd and John Parker to Serve as Measurers of board plank & Timber.

L^t. Samuell Johnson, John Green, Cooper, Barrat Dyer & Joseph Briscow Sen^r. to be measurers of Graine.

John Maning, Henry Mattox, John Corser, James Pearson and Richard Keats are chosen to Serve as Hogreeves.

[286.] Hugh Floyd is chosen to Serve as Constable for the district of Rumny Marsh.

Hugh Floyd being present & upon pleas by him made is by the vote of the Town Excused from Serveing as Constable for the year ensueing.

Jonathan Eustice chosen Surveyors of High wayes at R. marsh.

John Waite & Thomas Barry to Serve as fence Veiwers.

Cap$^{t}$. Elisha Bennet & Jonathan Bill Sen$^{r}$. to Serve as Tything men.

The Choyce of a Constable for Rumny marsh is defferred untill the next Town meeting.

Voted that the Committee ab$^{t}$ the Petition of Severall of the Inhabitants of Rumny marsh ab$^{t}$ building a meeting House there, be continued and desired furder to prepare and make report of what they thinck proper to offer in that affaire unto next Gen$^{ll}$ meeting of this Town.

Voted that the Sum of One hundred pound be raised and Assessed on the Inhabitants & Estates in this Town, to be added to the hundred pounds Raysed y$^{e}$ Last year, & to be layd out in paveing the maine Street towards & Leading to the South end of this Town.

Voted the raiseing of money to defray the other Necessary Charges of this Town be deferred untill the next Town's meeting.

Voted that M$^{r}$. James Meers, John Allen, William Keen, Thomas Clark & John Bucanan to Serve as Scavingers.

May 12 At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 12$^{th}$ day of May Anno Domm$^{i}$ 1707 did then and there Vote agree and chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Voted that Cap$^{t}$. Timothy Clark Shall be the Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted that the Town will proceed to chuse four Representitives.

Coll$^{o}$. Samuell Checkley, M$^{r}$. Elizur Holyoke, Doct$^{r}$. Thomas Okes, Cap$^{t}$. Ephraim Savage are by the Majority of Electors present chosen to Serve as Representitives for S$^{d}$ Town at the next Gen$^{ll}$ Assembly to be held y$^{e}$ 28$^{th}$ of May Curr$^{t}$. & So De Die in Diem &c.

M$^{r}$. Thomas Walker who being before chosen to Serve as one of the Assessors to apportion the Rates and Taxes for the year Ensueing and hath not as yet declared his Acceptance of S$^{d}$ Office, doth now in the Publick Town meeting declare his acceptance there of, & that he will tak: y$^{e}$ oath as directed by Law.

Samuel Lynde Esq$^{r}$. & m$^{r}$. Benjamen Walker are chosen to Serve as two the Assessors for the year ensueing in the room of Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Fitch & m$^{r}$. Robert Calefe, who have declined S$^{d}$ Service.

Voted the continuance and Support of the Select watch for the year ensueing, in like manner as it now is, with Submision to his Excellency the Governor as to his allowance & direction ab$^{t}$ the continuance there of.

Voted that what money Shall by the Selectmen judged needfull to defray the the Charge of S$^{d}$ watch for the year ensueing Shall be Levyed on the Inhabitants of this Town in manner as the Law directs, provided the Same exceed not the Sum̄e of Three hundred pound.

[287.] Voted that the Sum̄e of Thirteen hundred pounds Shall be Assessed on the Inhabitants and Estates of this Town to

be improved for the reliefe of the poor and the defraying other necessaryes ariseing in and for S$^{d}$ Town.

John Tuthill Sen$^{r}$. is chosen to Serve as Constable for the district of Rumny Marsh for the year ensueing in the room of Hugh Floyd, who being befor chosen to that Service was excused.

Upon a motion of Severall persons who have formerly Served as Select men of this Town given in writeing and being read, requsting that the Inhabitants of this Town, and the Gentlemen of the Committee for the persons claiming propriety in the Blue Hills & wast Lands at Brantree, would agree unto the choyce of a competent number of Indifferent and juditious persons to be a committee to hear and Consider of what may be Alledged on the behalfe of of the S$^{d}$ persons claimeing propriety and also on the behalfe of all the Inhabit$^{ts}$ of S$^{d}$ Town relateing to their claime unto the afore S$^{d}$ Lands, and to give their councell and advice in order to the putting an Isue to all controversies ab$^{t}$ the Same, and to present Such their advice to the next Town meeting.

Voted an agreement that Such Committee be chosen.

Voted that it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men on the behalfe of this Town to agree with the S$^{d}$ Gentlemen in the choyce of Such committee as aforesaid.

Voted that the Sum̄ of fifteen pounds be paid out of the Treasury unto Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasurer in the Last year.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$. John Foster Esq$^{r}$. Thom$^{s}$ Brattle Esq$^{r}$. M$^{r}$. Will$^{m}$ Harrise & Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Fitch, or any three of them meeting to attend S$^{d}$ Service, are appointed a Committee to audit the the Treasu$^{rs}$. acco$^{ts}$ for this present year.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law being convened at the Town House the 29$^{th}$ day of Decemb$^{r}$ 1707, did then and there agree Vote and chuse as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Voted that Elder Joseph Bridgham be y$^{e}$ Moderator of this meeting.

Voted that five Trustees be chosen to joyn w$^{th}$ the Comissioner for makeing a valuation of the Ratable Estate of this Town as the Law directs.

Voted that Elisha Cooke Esq$^{r}$. be the Comisioner to Attend the S$^{d}$ Service.

Voted that M$^{r}$. John Mico, Cap$^{t}$. Thom$^{s}$ Fitch, M$^{r}$. Samuell Marshall, M$^{r}$. Samuel Johnson & M$^{r}$. Sam$^{ll}$ Plumar be the Trustees to joyn with the S$^{d}$ Com̄isioner in the aforesaid Service.

Voted that the Select men are desired to prepare a List of all the Rents belonging to the Town with the names of the persons to whom any of the Townes Lands &c are Lett, & the time when their respective Leases will Expire, and also of any Lands &c blonging to the Town in the Occupation of any perticular person who doth not pay yearly rent for the Same.

Voted that it be left with the Select men to treat w$^{th}$ Such persons who Shall Offer to take the Land & Secure and maintaine the high way on the Neck lieing between M$^{r}$. John Bennet$^{s}$ Pasture

& the Old Fortification, and to hear and consider of their proposalls and terms On which they will undertake the Same, & to make report thereof at y^e next meeting.

Voted that the Select men do Consider of M^r. Henry Derings proposalls Ab^t Erecting a building to be improved for Severall Offices, and also for Carrying out a wharf below the Town House Street, and to offer their thoughts ab^t y^e Same to the Next Town meeting.

[288.] At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit^ts of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Warned According to Law, being convened at the Town House the 8^th day of March 1707/8 did then and there Vote, agree, determine and Conclude as followeth, viz^t.

Elder Joseph Bridgham to be the Moderator for this Meeting.

Elisha Cook Esq^r. who was chosen Comissoner at the Last meeting being present did declare to the Town that the five Trustees who w^r then chosen to joyn with him in makeing a valuation of the Ratable Estates of this Town have all of them Signified to him their refuseall to attend the S^d Service.

Voted that Assessors be chosen distinct from y^e Select men.

Voted that Seven Select men be chosen to Serve for y^e Ensueing year.

Joseph Prout, Daniel Oliver, Daniel Pouning, Thomas Cushing, Stephen Minot, Francis Thresher, Cap^t. Oliver Noyes were chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensueing.

Voted that Seven Assessors Shall be chosen.

Thomas Walker, James Barnes, Cap^t. Thom^s Hutchinson, Rich^d Draper, Samuel Marshall, Jonas Clarke, Robert Cumbey were Chosen to Serve as Assessors for y^e year ensueing.

Joseph Prout to Serve as Town Clerk for y^e year ensueing.

Joseph Prout to Serve as Town Treasu^r for y^e year ensueing.

Messu^rs Edward Hutchinson, Spencer Phipps, John Legg, Joseph Wadsworth, Jeremiah Dummer, Jun^r. Anthony Stoddard, William Hutchinson, Charles Sheppreeve were chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensueing.

Messu^rs Robert Calef, jun^r. James Bodwin, Ebenezar Clough, James Grant, Robert Hilton, William Foy were Chosen to Serve as Constables in the room Mess^rs Charles Shippreeve, John Legg, Anthony Stoddard, Edward Hutchinson & Joseph Wadsworth who have declared their refuseall to Serve, and of M^r. Jeremiah Dummer who upon reasons by him given is by y^e Vote of the Inhabitants at this Meeting is excused from S^d Service for ye ensueing year.

Officers Chosen for Rumny Marsh: viz^t.

Francis Laive Constable.

Joseph Belcher Surveyor of Highwayes.

John Floyd, Jonath^n Eustice Fence Veiwers.

Thomas Berry, Thomas Prat, Tythingmen, were chosen to Serve in their Respective Offices for the year ensueing.

[289.] Messu^rs Richard Proctor, Nicholas Boon, Samuel Burnel, jun^r. John Wilson, James Smith, Simon Daniel were chosen to Serve as Clerks of the Market for the year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ William Antram, Adinah Bulfinch, Eliah Adams, Cap$^{t}$. Richard Gridley, John Foreland, John Greenough were chosen to Serve as Surveyors of the Hiwayes for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ Silence Allen, John Goff, Joshua Lane, Elisha Webb were chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for the year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ John Aires, John Goff, jun$^{r}$. Soloman Blake, John Eustice, Barrat Dyer, John Carey, Nathan$^{ll}$ Balston, David Coleson, Samuel Clark, Jonath$^{n}$ Mountfort, John Coombs, John Broccus, Ezekiel Walker, John Brown, John Allen, Sam$^{ll}$ Demming w$^{r}$ chosen to Serve as Tythingmen for the year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ Samuell Bridg, David Langdon, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Barnerd, John Eustice were chosen to Serve as Fence veiwers for the year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ Allex$^{r}$ Seers, John Eustice, John Parker, Samuel Bridge Cap$^{t}$. Thom$^{s}$ Barnerd & w$^{r}$ chosen to Serve as Measurers of Boards & Timber for the year ensueing.

L$^{t}$ Samuell Johnson, Barrat Dyer, John Green Cooper, Joseph Briscow were chosen to Serve as Measures of Graine for the year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ John King, Edward Richards, Winsor Golding, James Howard, jun$^{r}$. were chosen to Serve as Hoggreeves for the year ensueing.

Votes for County Treasu$^{r}$ w$^{r}$ delivered to Consta James Collison.

Voted to chuse Seven overseers of the poor.

Messu$^{rs}$ Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$. John Ruck, Cap$^{t}$. Samuell Keeling, Ezekiell Lewise, William Welsteed, John Boult, Benj$^{a}$ Pemberton w$^{r}$ chosen Overseers of the Poor for y$^{e}$ year Ensue$^{ing}$.

M$^{r}$. Ezekiel Lewise declareing y$^{t}$ he cannot attend S$^{d}$ Service M$^{r}$. Grove Hirst was Chosen to Serve as Overseer o, $^{th}$ Poor in his Stead.

Voted Thanks to the Overseers of the Poor y$^{e}$ Last year for their good Service.

Joseph Prout is granted the Sum̄e of fifteen pounds for his Service as Treasurer in y$^{e}$ year Last past.

It being represented to this Meeting that over and above the fifty pounds ordered to be laid out in Fortifications in the year 1704, there was expended there on Twelve pounds eight Shill & four pence more, includeing £11: 11: 0 due to M$^{r}$. Nathan$^{ll}$ Oliver for bred & beer, Voted that the Same be payd out of y$^{e}$ Town Treasur.

[**290.**] Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Hutchinson haveng Signified unto the Inhabit$^{ts}$ at this Meeting in Manner following viz$^{t}$.

Whereas there has been dispute for Several years relateing to the Wast Lands at Brantree between Several Gentlemen, who Esteem themselve Proprietors of Said Lands. And this Town of Boston as a Town. Said lands haveing been long Since Sold p a Com̄ittee of the Said Proprietors to Severall Gentlemen in Town for the Sum̄e of Five hundred pounds and has been Since Sold p them to other persons mostly of the Town of Brantree for the Sum̄e of Seven hundred pounds, but the Town Esteeming the Lands to be their Right have often passed votes relating to that matter, which votes have never yet produced any good Effect, but

only has bread dissentions in the Town, which dissentions 'tis beleived might easily be composed, and a Satisfactory Accomodation accomplished, if only by a very Small Concession the Town would pass a Vote that a Committee Should be chosen to treat with the Proprietors, that the Five hundred pounds for which the Lands were first Sold might be appropriated and imployed for the good of the Town, in Some good Methode whereby the Stock may not be Exhausted, and that it might be left to the Comittee chosen by the Town in Conjunction with a committee of the Proprietors to appoint what Methode the money may be improved, and Some Such methode of accomodation no doubt the Proprietors will assent to Some of the Principall of them haveing Expressed themselves to Such effect. And it's Supposed that upon very easie Application to the Gentlemen who were the first purchasers, they will give to the Towns use the Two hundred pounds which the Lands were Sold for more then the first purchace (excepting what charge they have been out about it) which Severall of them have exprest a willingness to. And the Brantree men have Offer'd that for the Sake of a peaceable Accomodation, and to Obtain a quit claim from the Town to all the wast Lands and Blue hills, excepting the grant of Two thousand five hundred Acres, which they are willing Should be laid out in any one part, either of that that is called the Wast Lands, or of the Blue hills, which the Town of Boston Shall esteem best. they will give One hundred pounds to the use of the Town,

upon the reading of the above said proposall and in answere there unto, it was voted viz^t.

1. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of Such committee.

2. That the S^d Committe Shall consist of five in number.

[291.] Messu^rs Daniel Oliver, Cap^t. Timothy Clark, Cap^t. Thomas Fitch, Thomas Cushing, Cap^t. Oliver Noyes were chosen a Committee in the behalfe of this Town, to Treat as is mentioned in the foregoing memorial.

Proposalls of Sundry Gentleman being before p'used & Approved by the Select men & now offered to the Town are as followeth viz^t.

Whereas at a meeting of the Freeholders and others the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston on the 29^th day of December 1707. It was y^n Voted that it Should be left with the Select men to treat w^th Such persons who would Offer to take the Land & Secure and maintaine the Highway on the neck, lieing between M^r. John Bennets Pasture and the Old Fortification, and to hear and Consider of the proposalls on which they will undertake the Same and to make report thereof at the next meeting.

Wherefore wee the Subscribers Some of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston do hereby promise & Ingage that wee will from time to time and at all times forever hereafter Secure and Keep off the Sea, from both Sides of the aforesaid Highway begining at the northerly end of the pasture Land now or late John Bennets which he purchased of Samuel Lynde of Boston Esq^r. on the Easterly Side. And the Land of Daniel Eppes of Boston afore-

said Clothier, on the westerly Side thereof, and extending as farr Souther-ly Leading to wards Roxbery as Twenty-four foot beyond the New pavement on S$^{d}$ way as it now is and that wee prevent the Tides flowing over, comeing to or in any wise hurting or damnificing the Highway from the One end thereof to the other, and that the Said Highway Shall be Forty-eight foot in breadth.

And farther that when and as Soon as the Town of Boston Shall See cause to carry on the pavement the Same breadth the other is, and bring it up to the Land of the aforesaid John Bennet & Daniell Eppes, That wee the Subscribers at our own proper cost and charge, will pave the remainder on each Side.

In Consideration whereof the Freeholders and other the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Shall and do give grant, bargain, enfeoffe and Confirm unto us the Subscriber our heires and Assignes & Associates for ever, All the upland, Beach, fflatts and Meadow ground on both Sides of the Highway (to be Secured as aforesaid) down to Low water marke, with all the Liberties, Priviledges, Comodities, and Appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging, to our only proper and Absolute use and behooff for ever more And that the Town of Boston Shall allwayes defend us in the Possession and peaceable Improvement of the granted premisies, And wee do Ingage to finish the Secureing [**292.**] of the Said Highway within Two years & an halfe from the date of the grant. In witness whereof wee have hereunto put our hands this first day of March in the Sixth year of Her Maj$^{ties}$ Reign Annoqs Dom$^{i}$ 1707.

William Payn, Sam$^{ll}$ Phillips, William Clark, Thos. Banister, jun$^{r}$. Thomas Savage, Habijah Savage, Elisha Cook, jun$^{r}$. Oliver Noyes, Benj$^{a}$ Fitch, David Jefferies, Benj$^{a}$ Pemberton.

The aforesaid proposalls being read and debated.

Voted a grant of the afore said Land beach & fflatts unto the Several Gentlemen above named as Subscribers their Heires Assignes & Associates for ever on the conditions mentioned & Set forth in y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ proposalls.

Voted that the Town will proceed to grant money to carry on the pavement at the South end of the Town.

Voted a Grant of two hundred pounds to be layd out at the South end of the Town, in addition to the pavement there.

Voted a grant of fifty pounds to be laid out in paveing at the north end of the Town, partly towards paveing the Street Leading from Scarlets wharfe to M$^{r}$. Jonas Clarks & the rest in Such place as the Select men Shall direct.

Voted a grant of Three hundred pounds for the Support of the watch for the ensueing year.

Voted a grant of Nine hundred pounds for defraying the Severall other necessary Charges of the Town for the year ensueing, as Sett forth & mentioned in y$^{e}$ Treasurers Computation.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Town house the 29$^{th}$ day of March: 1708.

Elder Joseph Bridgham was then chosen Moderater for y$^{e}$ meeting.

Mesu$^{rs}$ Edward Lyde Esq$^{r}$. David Jefferyes, Thomas Banister. Edward Martyn, Joseph Parsons, Samuel Greenwood, Nathaniel Henchman were Chosen to Serve as Assessors for the year ensueing in the room of Messu$^{rs}$ Thomas Walker, James Barnes, Richard Draper, Cap$^{t}$. Thomas Hutchinson, Sam$^{ll}$ Marshall, Jonas Clark, & Robert Cumbey, who being at the Last meeting chosen to that Service and have neglected and refused to undertake in the S$^{d}$ Service.

Mesu$^{rs}$ John Smith, William Clark jun$^{r}$. Peter Butler, John Olton were chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensueing in the room of Mesu$^{rs}$ Spencer Phipps, William Hutchinson, Robert Hilton, & William Foy who being before chosen to S$^{d}$ Office have refused to Serve.

[**293.**] Mr. William Jepson was chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in the room of m$^{r}$. John Smith who being before chosen to that Service doth declare his refusall to Serve therein.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 12$^{th}$ day of Aprill 1708.

Elder Joseph Bridgham is chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Meeting.

M$^{r}$. William Harrise & M$^{r}$. Will$^{m}$ Paine Merch$^{ts}$ are chosen to Serve as Assessors for the year ensueing in the room of M$^{r}$. Joseph Parsons and M$^{r}$. Thomas Banister who being at the Last meeting chosen to that office have refused to Serve.

M$^{r}$. Nathaniell Lindall is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in the room of M$^{r}$. William Jepson who being at the Last meeting chosen to that Office hath refused to Serve.

M$^{r}$. Jeremiah Condey is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in Stead of M$^{r}$. Nath$^{ll}$ Lendall who refuseth to Serve.

M$^{r}$. Jonathan Williams is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing, who upon pleas by him made is by a vote of this meeting excused from S$^{d}$ Service for this present year.

M$^{r}$. William Cleer is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in the room of M$^{r}$. Jonathan Williams who is excused.

May the 3$^{d}$ 1708. At a meeting of Joseph Prout, Daniel Oliver, Daniell Powning, Thomas Cushing, Stephen Minot, Francis Thresher & Cap$^{t}$. Oliver Noyes, Select men for the Town of Boston.

Ordered that the Streets Lanes and Alley$^{s}$ of this Town as they are now bounded and named, be accordingly recorded in the Town Booke w$^{ch}$ are as followeth: viz$^{t}$. [See Booke N8. for Names of other Streets Page 81.]

The broad Street or Highway from y$^{e}$ Old Fortification on y$^{e}$ neck Leading into y$^{e}$ Town as far as the Corner of y$^{e}$ Late Decon Eliots House *Orange Street.*

The way below the Late Deacons Eliots Barn leading from Orange Street Eastward by the Sea Side *Beech Street.*

The way Leading Easterly from S$^{d}$ Deacon Eliots Corner pasing by y$^{e}$ Late Deacon Allens Extending to Windmill point *Essex Street.*

The way Leading from the Late Elder Rasfords corner in Essex Street Extending Southerly in to Beach Street & so down to y$^{e}$ Sea, *Ransfords Lane.*

The way Leading from the Late Cap$^{t}$ Fraryes Corner extending westward to the bottom of y$^{e}$ Comon w$^{th}$ a Rurn[Turn] Southerly down to y$^{e}$ Sea, *Frogg Lane.*

The Street from y$^{e}$ corner of the House in y$^{e}$ Tenure of Cap$^{t}$ Turfrey nigh Deacon Eliots Corner, leading into Town by y$^{e}$ House of Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall Esq$^{r}$ as far as Doct Okes Corner, *Newbery Street.*

The New Alley between M$^{r}$. Blyns & Durants in Newbery Street Leading westerly into the Comon, *Hogg Alley.*

The Street Leading Easterly from Wheelers Corner in Newbery Street passing by y$^{e}$ Towns watering place as far as Cap$^{t}$. Dyers Barn. *Pond Street.*

The way Leading from Esq$^{r}$ Ushers Barn Southwardly into Essex Street *Short Street.*

The way leading from the Lower end of Pond Street North easterly into Church Green by Sumer Street *Blind Lane.*

The way from Cowells Corner in Newbery Street Leading westward into the Comon *West Street.*

The Street from Ellise$^{s}$ Corner nigh the uper end of Summer Street Leading westward into the Comon *Winter Street.*

[294.] The Street Leading Easterly from Doctor Okes his Corner in Newbery Street passing by the *dwelling* House of Cap$^{t}$. Tim$^{o}$. Clark, extending to y$^{e}$ Sea. *Summer Street.*

The Street from Baxters Corner in Sumer Street leading Southerly by the Late Deacon Allens extending down to y$^{e}$ Sea. *South Street.*

The way from Bulls Corner at the Lower end of Sumer Street leading Southerly to windmill point *Sea Street.*

The *Broad* Street leading from Penemans Corner at y$^{e}$ head of Sumer Street passing by y$^{e}$ South Meeting House to Haugh$^{s}$ Corner *Malbrough Street.*

The way leading from Briscow$^{s}$ Corner in Malbrough Street, passing by Justice Bromfeelds in to y$^{e}$ Comon *Rawsons Lane.*

The way Leading from the South meeting House passing by M$^{r}$. Borlands & Mad$^{m}$. Olivers & So down to the Sea by Hallawayes *Milk Street.*

The Alley Leading Southerly from Southers Corner in Milk Street to Cap$^{t}$. Clarks Corner in Summer Street *Bishops Alley.*

The Lane Leading S$^{o}$ Easterly from M$^{r}$. Borlands Corner in Milk Street to Beards Corner in Cow lane *Long Lane.*

The Street where M$^{r}$. Daniel Oliver now dwells passing from Milk Street up to Fort Hill *Oliver Street.*

The way Leading from Fort Hill Southerly to Morey$^{s}$ Corner in Summer Street *Cow Lane.*

The way from the Lower end of Summer Street Leading Northeaster$^{ly}$ by the Sea-Side, with the return up to the Rope walke, *Flownder Lane.*

The Alley by Whartons House in Cow Lane leading Easterly into Harrisons Rope Walke *Crooked Alley.*

The way from John Roberts$^{s}$ House in Cow Lane Leading Eastery by Cap$^{t}$. Bonners into y$^{e}$ Ropewalke *Gridley$^{s}$ Lane.*

The way from the uper end of Cow lane Leading Easterly passing by M$^{r}$. Joseph Hubberts down to y$^{e}$ Sea *Gibbs$^{s}$ Lane.*

The way Leading from the Northerly Side of Fort Hill passing down Easterly by the Old Brew House into to Battrey March, *Sconce Lane.*

The way Leading from Hallawayes Corner by y$^{e}$ end of Milk street, passing by the Battrey extending to the Lower end of Gibbs Lane *Battree march.*

The way Leading Southerly from Gibbs$^{s}$ Lane on Fort Hill, passing by Drinkers to the Ropewalke *Belchers Lane.*

The way from Haugh$^{s}$ Corner Leading Northwesterly by the Lattin Free School extending as far as M$^{rs}$. Whetcombs Corner, *School Street.*

The way Leading from M$^{rs}$. Whetcombs Corner the House of Cap$^{t}$. Fairwether westerly through the uper Side of the Comon and so down to y$^{e}$ Sea *Beacon Street.*

The way Leading from Beacon Street on the uper Side of the Comon unto M$^{r}$. Allens Orchard *Davies Lane.*

The way Leading from Beacon Street, between Cap$^{t}$. Alfords Land & Mad$^{m}$ Shrimptons Pasture, up to Centrey Hill *Centrey Street.*

The Street from the Lower end of School Street Leading North$^{ly}$ as far as M$^{r}$. Clark the Pewterer$^{s}$ Shop *Corn Hill.*

The way Leading from a Tenement of Cap$^{t}$. Clarks nigh the Lower end of School Street to Winslows Corner in Joylieffs Lane *Spring Lane.*

The Street Leading from Cox y$^{e}$ Butchers Shop in Cornhill passing by Major Walleys as far as M$^{rs}$. Olivers Corner *Water Street.*

The Alley Leading from y$^{e}$ End of Water Street through M$^{rs}$. Olivers Land by Odells into Milk Street *Coopers Alley.*

The Way Leading from Water Street passing between Majo$^{r}$ Walley$^{s}$ & M$^{r}$ Bridghams Land into Milk Street *Tanners Lane.*

The Lane passing from Water Street into Milk Street, according to the name by w$^{ch}$ it hath been formerly Known *Joylieffs Lane*

[295.] The way passing round the Old meeting house *Church Square.*

The Street Leading from Cornhill includeing the wayes on each Side of the Town house extending Easterly to the Sea *King Street.*

The Street Leading from M$^{r}$. Derings Corner in Cornhill to Houchen$^{s}$ corner at the uper end of Hanover Street *Queen Street.*

The way Leading from the Mansion house of y$^{e}$ Late Simon Lynde Esq$^{r}$. by Cap$^{t}$. Southiacks, extending as far as Coll$^{o}$. Townsends corner *Tra Mount Street.*

The way Leading from Melynes Corner neer Coll$^{o}$. Townsends, passing through the Comon along by M$^{r}$. Sheeffs into Frog Lane *Comon Street.*

The Alley Leading from y$^{e}$ Comon, East$^{ly}$ on y$^{e}$ North Side of Mad$^{m}$ Ushers House *Turnaganie Alley.*

The way Leading from y^e Exchange in King Street, passing by M^rs Phillips^s into Water Street *Pudding Lane.*

The way Leading from King Street by the House of Isaac Addington Esq^r. w^th y^e return into Pudding Lane. *Halfe Square Court.*

The way Leading from Maccartyes Corner in King Street to Elder Bridghams ware house in Water Street *Leverets Lane.*

The way Leading from Justice Dummers Corner in King Street passing over y^e Bridg as far as M^rs. Dafforns Corner in Milk Street. *Mackrill Lane.*

The way Leading from y^e House formerly y^e Castle Tavern in Macril Lane passing by m^r. Hallaways wharfe to y^e Sea *Crab Lane.*

The way Leading from y^e Sign of the Orang: tree passing by m^r. Stephen Minots to y^e Mill pond, & from thenc: to ye Lower end of Cold Lane *Sudbery Street.*

The way Leading from Emmons^s Corner passing by Justice Lynds pastures Extending from thence Westerly to y^e Sea *Cambridg Street.*

The way passing on the northerly Side of Livery Stable in Justice Lynds pasture to m^r. Allens Farm house *Green Lane.*

The way from m^r. Pownings Corner by Dock Square Leading Southerly into King Street *Crooked Lane.*

The Square from the House of Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r. to m^r. Pembertons Corner on y^e one Side & from Kennyes Shop to m^r. Meers Corner on y^e other side *Dock Square.*

The Lane Leading from Cap^t. Savages Corner in Dock Square to Mad^m Shrimptons Corner in King Street *Shrimptons Lane.*

The way Leading from m^r. Meers^s Corner along by the Side of the Dock as farr as the Corner of the ware house formerly Majo^r Davis: s *Corn Market.*

The Alley Leading from M^r. Mountforts in Corn Market to Cap^t. Fitch^s Corner in King Street *Peirse^s Alley.*

The way Leading from Justice Palmers ware house in Corn market, up to Moorcocks buildings *Corn Court.*

The way leading from Madam Butlers Corner at the Lower end of King Street to the Swinging Bridg, & from thence to y^e lower end of Woodmansids Wharfe *Marchants Row.*

The way Leading from Platts^s Corner north westerly, passing by the Green Dragon to y^e Mill pond *Union Street.*

The Street from between Houchens Corner & the Sign of y^e Orange tree, Leading Northerly to y^e Mill Bridge *Hanover Street.*

The way Leading from m^r. Pembetons Corner at y^e end of Dock Square to Justice Lyds Corner in Hanover Street *Wings Lane.*

The way Leading from the Middle of Wings Lane to m^r. Colemans Church & from thence y^e two wayes viz^t Southerly to Queen Street & East^ly. to Dock Square *Brattle Street.*

The new way Leading from m^r. Pollards corner in Brattle Street through m^r. Belknaps yard into Queen Street *Hilliers Lane.*

The way Leading from m^r. Harrises Corner in Hanover Street North westerly down to the Mill pond *Cold Lane.*

[**296.**] The way Leading from Cap^t. Ballentines Corner nigh

the mill Bridg to y$^{e}$ Corner of Cap$^{t}$. Fitch$^{s}$ Tenement in Union Street *Marshalls Lane.*

The way Leading from Brook$^{s}$ Cornner in Marshalls Lane passing by m$^{r}$. Bulfinch$^{s}$ to Scottow$^{s}$ Alley *Creek Lane.*

The way Leading from Creek lane to Cap$^{t}$. Bows Corner in Union Street *Salt Lane.*

The way Leading from Creek Lane to m$^{r}$. Webbs Corner in Union Street *Marsh Lane.*

The way Leading from the Sign of the Starr in Hanover Street, passing Northward behind Cap$^{t}$. Evertons House *Linck Alley.*

The way from the Conduit in Union Street Leading northerly over y$^{e}$ Bridge, to Ellistons Corner at y$^{e}$ lower end of Cross Street *Ann Street.*

The way from m$^{r}$. Antrams Corner Nigh the s$^{d}$ Conduit Leading from thence North East$^{ly}$ by y$^{e}$ side of y$^{e}$ Dock as far: as m$^{r}$. Winsors War: hous: *Fish market.*

The New way from Union Street passing Southerwesterly between the buildings of the Late Cap$^{t}$. Christopher Clark deceaced *Minots Court.*

The alley by Cap$^{t}$. Habijah Savages in Ann Street Leading northwesterly to Creek Lane *Scottows Alley.*

The way between Cap$^{t}$. Winsors & m$^{rs}$. Pembertons in Ann Street Leading to the wharfes by the Swinging Bridg *Swing bridg Lane.*

The Street from Mountjoyes corner at the Lower end of Cross Street Leading Northerly to y$^{e}$ Sign of the Swan by Scarlets wharfe *Fish Street.*

The leading Northwesterly from m$^{r}$. Thomas$^{s}$ Corner in Ann Street *Paddey$^{s}$ Alley.*

The Street Leading from the Mill Bridg northerly as far as m$^{r}$. Jonas Clarks Corner at y$^{e}$ end of Bennet Street *Middle Street.*

The way leading northerly from Stanburyes Corner nigh the Mill Bridg, as far as m$^{r}$. Gee$^{s}$ Corner into Prince Street *Back Street.*

The way Leading from the Mill pond South easterly by y$^{e}$ Late Deacon Phillips$^{s}$ Stone hous: extending down to y$^{e}$ Sea *Cross Street.*

The way Leading from the northwesterly end of Crosstreet passing northerly by Verings House nigh the Mill pond *Old way.*

The lane by the House of y$^{e}$ Late Cap$^{t}$. Tim$^{o}$ Prout deceaced, Leading from Middle Street to Fish Street & So down to y$^{e}$ Sea *Wood Lane.*

The way from Wales$^{s}$ Corner in Middle Street Leading North westerly into Backstreet *Beer Lane.*

The Alley Leading from Ann Street, between y$^{e}$ Late Cap$^{t}$. Lakes & & Nanney$^{s}$ buildings to m$^{r}$. Indicots Spop in Cross Street *Elbow Alley.*

The Alley Leading from Fish Street to Middle Street between y$^{e}$ Lands of John Clark Esq$^{r}$. & y$^{e}$ Successors of Sam$^{ll}$ Gallop deceaced *Gallops Alley.*

The Street Leading northwesterly from Morrell$^{s}$ Corner in Middle Street passin by m$^{r}$. David Nortons Extending to y$^{e}$ Salt watter at Ferry way *Prince Street.*

The Street Leading Northerly from the Easterly end of Bennet Street nigh m$^{r}$. Jonas Clarks extending to the Sea *North Street.*

The Street Leading from William$^{s}$ Corner nigh m$^{r}$. Jonas Clarks, Southeasterly down to y$^{e}$ Sea, by Scarlets wharfe *Fleet Street.*

The Alley Leading North westerly from the North meeting house into Middle Street *Bell Alley.*

The Square Li-ing on y$^{e}$ South Side of the North Meetting House including y$^{e}$ wayes on each Side of y$^{e}$ watch Hous: *Clarks Square.*

The way Leading South Easterly from the North Meetting House into Fish Street *Sun Court.*

The way Leading from the Northmeeting House Northerly by Cap$^{t}$. Thom$^{s}$ Barnerds into Fleet Street *Moon Street.*

[**297.**] The way Leading northerly from Mad$^{m}$ Winsley$^{s}$ Corner between Coll$^{o}$. Fosters & m$^{r}$. Frizzells into Fleet Street. *Garden Court.*

The Street Leading Northerly from Evertons Corner nigh Scarlets wharfe to the North Battrey *Ship Street.*

The way Leading Northwesterly from the North Battrey to the Ferryway by Hudsons point *Lyn Street.*

The way leading along the Shore from Hudsons point S$^{o}$ west$^{ly}$ to the Mill Streem by m$^{r}$. Gee$^{s}$ building yard *Ferry way.*

The Street Leading north west$^{ly}$ from m$^{rs}$. Ransfords corner in North Street, towards the Ferry point at Charles town *Charter Street.*

The Way Leading from Cerwithy$^{s}$ corner in Prince Street to m$^{r}$. Phipp$^{s}$ Corner in Charter Street *Salem Street.*

The way Leading northerly from Travises Corner in Prince Street to the end of Ferry way by Hudsons point. *Snow Hill.*

The way Leading S$^{o}$ East$^{ly}$ from Snow Hill to Salem Street *Hull Street.*

The way Leading north westerly from m$^{r}$. Jonas Clarks Corner to Salem Street *Bennet Street.*

The way Leading northwest$^{ly}$ from Cap$^{t}$. Stevens$^{s}$ Corner in North Street with y$^{e}$ return into Bennet Street *Love Street.*

The Alley Leading from the burrying place in Charter Street to Adkins$^{s}$ Lime Kiln in Lyn Street *Lime Street.*

The Alley Leading from Charter Street down by Benj$^{a}$ Williams in Lyn Street *Sliding Alley.*

The way Leading from Charter Street down by m$^{rs}$. Buckley$^{s}$ into Lyn Street *Henchmans Lane.*

The Alley Leading from Charter Street down through m$^{r}$. Greenoughs building yard into Lyn Street *Greenough$^{s}$ Alley.*

The Alley Leading from North Street down by the Salutation into Ship Street *Salutation Alley.*

The Alley Leading from North Street along by m$^{r}$. William Parkmans into Ship Street nigh the North Battreey *Battrey Alley.*

The Alley Leading from North Street down to Cap$^{t}$. Richards$^{s}$ corner in Ship Street *White bread Alley.*

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 17$^{th}$ day of May 1708.

Voted that Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$ be the moderator for this meeting.

John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Ephra$^{m}$ Savage, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Hutchinson & m$^{r}$. James Barnes w$^{r}$ chosen to serve as Representitives for this Town at the next Gen$^{ll}$ Assembly to be held the 26$^{th}$ May Currt & so De Die in Diem, the being chosen by the majority of the Electors present.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, John Foster Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Fitch & Pen Townsed Esq$^{r}$ or any three of them meeting to attend the said Service are appointed a committee to Audit the Treasurers acco$^{ts}$ for this present year.

Voted that it be left w$^{th}$ the Selectmen to give a deed of Sale (for & in behalfe of this) Town to m$^{r}$ Elisha Cook Jun$^{r}$ & his assosiats of & for the Land granted to them at a meeting of y$^{e}$ Inhabitants the 8$^{th}$ of March Last past, agreeable to the Tenour of y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Grant.

Voted that the Motion made by m$^{r}$ Joshua Gee & company about the Town Slip at the Lower end of Wood Lane, be considered by y$^{e}$ selectmen, & what they shall thinck proper to be done therein, to be laid before the Town at their next meeting.

[**298.**] At a meeting of the Free holders and othe Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and warned according to Law being Convened at the Town House the 27$^{th}$ day of December Anno Domm$^{i}$ 1708.

Voted, That Deacon John Marrion be the Moderator for this present meeting.

The Select men haveing offered to this meeting the following proposalls as followeth vizt.

That the Orders and By-Laws of this Town already mad: for the directing, Ordering and Mañageing of the Prudential Affaires thereof, have not answered the ends for which they were made, and the principall cause thereof is a General defect or Neglect in the Execution, without which the best Laws will signifie little, And one great reason why they are no better Executed, is the want of a proper head, or Town officer or officers impowered for that purpose, the Law haveing put the Execution of Town orders into y$^{e}$ hands of the Justices only, who are not Town but County officers. And it cannot be expected that they Should take the Trouble and care, or make it so much their business, as a Town Officer or Officers perticulerly Appointed or chosen thereunto must Needs do, and indeed for any Body or Society of men as a Town is, to be Vested with Power to make Rules and By-Laws for their own good Regulation, and not to have power to chuse and appoint the Head Officer or Officers who shall have power to Execute their own orders and By-Laws Seems Incongruous, And good Order is not to be expected while it remaynes so, For as a Town grows more Populus it will stand in need of a more Strict Regulation.

The said Selectmen do therefore propose that this Town do now Chuse a Committee of a Considerable number of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town to draw up a Scheme or draught of a Charter of Incorporation for the Incourragement and better government of this Town in the best methodes as they Shall think

Sutable, and of the best and most Sutable means for procuring and obtaining thereof, And to present the said Scheme or draught to the Town at their Anual Meeting in March next.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to draw up a Scheme or draught of a Charter of Incorporation (or any other projection) for the Incourragement and better Governm^t of this Town, in the best methodes as they shall thinck Sutable, and of the best and most sutable means for the procureing and obtaining thereof, And to present the S^d Scheme Or draught to the Town at their Anual meeting in March next.

Voted, That the Town will chuse the number of Thirty one persons to be of the s^d Committee.

Voted that Seventeen of S^d Committee Shall make a Quoram.

[**299.**] Voted That Elisha Cook Esq, Elisha Hutchinson Esq^r, Isaac Addington Esq, Samuel Sewall Esq, John Foster Esq, Pen Townesend Esq, John Clark Esq, Paul Dudley Esq, Coll^o. Samuel Checkley, Coll^o. Addam Winthrop, Cap^t. Thomas Fitch, Cap^t. Thomas Hutchinson, Cap^t. Timothy Clark, Cap^t. Samuel Keeling, Cap^t. John Ballentine jun^r, Eld^r Joseph Bridgham, Deac. John Marrion, Messu^rs Addington, Davenport, Thomas Newton, Elisha Cook jun^r, John George, John White, Richard Draper, Francis Clark, together with the present Selectmen viz^t. Daniel Oliver, Daniel Pouning, Thomas Cushing, Stephen Minot, Francis Thresher, Cap^t Oliver Noyes & Joseph Prout, be of the S^d. Committee for the service aforesaid.

Voted. That the s^d Committee is also desired to consider of, and propose Some way for Lessening the charges of this Town.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 24^th day of January Anno Domm^i 1708.

John Clark Esq^r is chosen Moderator for this meeting.

The Return of the Committee appointed the 8^th of march Last past, to treat with Sundry persons ab^t the wast Lands at Brantree being read as followeth viz^t.

Whereas the Town of Boston at a generall Meeting (Law fully warned) convened the 8^th of March 1707/8 did nominate and appoint a committee in behalfe of the Town to treat with Sundry persons, about the wast Lands in Brantree According to a memorial given in at S^d meeting, Pursuant to y^e Said Vote. Wee the Subscribers being the Said Committee do Signifie to the Town, that agreeable to the memorial wee have treated with the Committee of those that Esteem themselves Proprietors of the wast Lands in Brantree belonging to the Town of Boston, about the five hundred pounds, the sume they sold the Land for, and came to this unanimos agreement, that the income of the five hundred pounds be forever impropriated and improved for a School or Schools for writeing and Arithmetick, and that some part of Gods word be read by a Schollar or Schollars by turns at the discretion of the master. And that farther According to the S^d memorial wee had Several meetings with the committee of the purchasers of the aforesaid Wast Lands, And at Length did

agree with them to offer it as our Advice to the Town of Boston, That for the future peace of the Town and the Consideration of the Sum̄e of five hundred pounds being Impropriated and improved for y^e Publick good of the Town forever, and in Consideration of [**300.**] Of twenty pounds to be paid to the Town for the use afore^sd by the Said Purchasers, That the Town do give a quit claim to the S^d Purchasers with a reservation of the Land at Blue hills now in the Townes possession, as by a plan of y^e Same on the Townes Records taken 1651/4 by m^r Joshua Fisher Surveyor, and the Selectmens addition exprest by Said plan to run a Straight Line from A B to the top of Blue hills, And that the Town impower a Com̄ittee to give a quit claim accordingly And that agreeabl: to the directions of the Town and S^d Memorial wee Applyed ourselves to the Gentlemen the purchasers of the Committee of those that claim &c about the two hundred pounds the Sum̄e S^d Lands Sold for more then the first Cost, m^r Sergant, m^r Hutchinson & Mad^m Sprimpton did declare that whereas they did not intend a personal advantage in the purchase, So they freely gave their parts of the two hundred pounds to y^e Town, deducting y^e charges for the use aforesaid the committee offers to y^e Town to Accept the Same with thier thanks to them for y^e Same. M^r. Gee at present refuses to give his part to y^e Town.

Daniel Oliver
Timothy Clark
Thomas Fitch
Thomas Cushing
Oliver Noyes.

Voted. The Townes Acceptance of the foregoing return made by the S^d Committee.

Voted. That the S^d Committee be further continued & fully impowered in the name and behalfe of y^e Town, to pursue and finish what remaines to Compleat and perfect the afore recited offer and proposalls accordingly, And to seal, Execute, and Acknowledge a deed of Release and Quit claime of the Said Lands in due form of Law, to and for the use of the Purchasers, Inhabitants of Brantree &c. agreeably, under the exception and reservation of the Blue hill Land to Boston as Sett forth in the S^d Committees return.

Voted, That the thanks of this Town be given to Peter Sergeant Esq^r Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r & Mad^m Shrimpton upon their giveing the Town their parts of the Said two hundred pounds.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be given to the aforesaid Committee for their well management of y^e Treaty w^th the Severall Gentlemen ab^t the S^d Wast Lands.

Voted, That the Selectmen being at the time when the Same Shall be Transacted are impowered to Lease out the blue hill Lands for a Term of years.

Voted, that the same be lett out not exceeding the term of Twenty-five years.

It being represented to this meeting by Some of the Inhabit^ts That the Townes being often Alarmed by Chimnyes takeing of Fire is ocationed in a great Measure by y^e Careless & negligent per-

formance of the worke of Such who undertake the worke of Chimny Sweepers, And that there is no person here who hath Served a time to that Mistery or Trade, or professes y^e S^d Imployment, but the Sam is (for the most part) performed by careless & unfaithfull Slaves, in Such manner y^t chimnyes have taken fire Soon after they have been Swept to the Great Surpriz: and [**301.**] Terror of the Inhabitants, and great hazzard of the Town when at the Same time Such of the Inhabitants whose chimnyes tak: fire and blaze out are liable to a fine of ten Shillings, although for their money they could not procure their chimnyes to be well and faithfully Swept.

To the intent therefore that Such defect & danger may be the more effectually Remidyed for the Future.

Voted, that the Town will take it into their own hands to provide Chimny Sweepers, and that the Selectmen are desired to take y^t matter into their Consideration, and make Sutable provision for the Town in that respect, and draw up rules and orders proper to redress Such Inconvenience & danger.

March 14. At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Warned According to Law, being convened at the Town Hous the 14^th day of March Anno Dom^i 1708/9.

Voted, That the Inhabitants will now proceed to the choyce of a moderator by Votes in writeing.

Voted, that the choyce of a moderator for this meeting Shall be determined by the greatest number of Votes and not confined to the majority of Voters.

Voted that M^r. Henry Dereing be the moderator for this meeting.

The question being put whether Assessors for the year ensuing Shall be Chosen distinct from the Selectmen, Voted in the negative.

Voted, That Nine Select men Shall be Chosen to Serve for the year ensueing. Messu^rs Isaiah Tay, Jonas Clark, Joseph Prout, Samuel Marshall, James Barnes, Daniel Powning, Daniel Oliver, Richard Draper, and Cap^t Timothy Clarke are now chosen to Serve as Selectmen for y^e ensueing year.

Voted, thanks of this Town to the Gentlemen who Served as Select men in the year past for their Service therein.

Whereas the Committee chosen and appointed thereto, at a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town the 27th day of December Last past, Have now presented to this meeting a Scheme or draught of a Charter of Incorporation for this Town, by them Considered and drawn up, with their proposall for the further prosecution thereof, in case it be acceptable to the Inhabitants.

The which being distinctly read in the Audience of this Meeting.

Voted the Thanks of this Town unto the aforesaid Committee for their care and paines in drawing up the Said Scheme or draught.

The question being put whether the Town will referr the consideration of the S^d Scheme or draught of a Charter of Incorpor-

ation Untill Some other Public meeting of the Inhabitants to be warned for the Same purpose Voted in the negative.

The question being put whether the Town do Accept of the Scheme or Charter of Incorporation now read, yee, or nay

Voted in the negative.

Voted that this meeting will Adjourn untill halfe an hour after two of the clock this after noon, & then to return unto this place And accordingly upon their return after Dinner they proceeded as follow

[**302.**] Voted. That the Town will chuse Overseers of the Poor distinct from the Selet men.

Voted. That the Town will choose Seven Overseers of the Poor.

Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$. Messu$^{rs}$ Ezekiel Lewise, John Boult, Edward Winslow, Cap$^{t}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Keeling, William Welsteed, Grove Hirst are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Town Clerk.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Town Treasu$^{r}$

Cap$^{t}$ James Pitts, Isaac Spenceer, Benj$^{a}$ Brondson, Timothy Lendall, Messu$^{rs}$ Thomas Litchmer, Nathan Howell, David Edwards, Benjamen Walker jun$^{r}$ are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

M$^{r}$ Timothy Lendall haveing now Signified to this meeting that it is now about five years Since he was Chosen Constable for the Town of Salem & that he then paid Ten pounds as a fine for his not serveing in that Office. Voted, That the Said m$^{r}$ Timothy Lindall is Excused from Serveing as Constable for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

The Several Officers now Chosen to Serve for the district of Rumny Marsh, for the year ensuein are as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Hugh Floyd to Serve as Constable.

Francis Leath to Serve as Surveyors of Highwayes

Isaac Lewise & William Hasie to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

John Waite & William Eustice to Serve as Tithingmen.

Whereas Sundry of the Inhabitants of Rumny marsh being present and desireing that their Petition (formerly given in & lieing on file w$^{th}$ the Town Records, praying a Grant of Sutable encourag: $^{mt}$ in Order to their building a Meeting House) may be further considered and Granted.

Voted. That the Survivers of the former Committee thereunto Appointed Viz$^{t}$ Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ Elisha Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall Esquire, Penn Towensend Esq$^{r}$ unto w$^{ch}$ committee is now Added Edward Bromfeeld Esq$^{r}$ who are desired to Consider of that Affaire and to make report to the Town at their next Meeting of what they Shall thinck proper for y$^{e}$ Town to do therein

In the room and Stead of m$^{r}$ Timothy Lendall who was excused, and of Cap$^{t}$ James Pitts, mes$^{sr}$ Isaac Spencer, Nathan Howell and David Edwards who Refuse to Serve as Constables are now Chosen in their room.

Messu$^{rs}$ Jonathan Mountfort, Joseph Halsie, John Wilson, Jonath$^{n}$ Williams, Daniel Eppes to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ Joseph Hood, Epaphras Shrimpton, Ambrose Vincint, John Cookson, Thomas Baker, Brasier, Bratho$^{ll}$ Green, Printer, are chosen to Serve as Clerks of y$^{e}$ Market for the year ensueing.

[303.] Messu$^{rs}$ John Souther, Obediah Wakefeeld, Samuel Wentworth, James Smith, Jonathan Waldo, James Gooch, Joseph Briscow, John Barrell, David Copp jun$^{r}$, John Nicholls, Robert Ware, Samson Dewer, John Edwards, James Lablond, Henry Hill, John Foreland are Chosen to Serve as Tithing men for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Messu$^{es}$ William Antram, John Greenough, Henry Bridgham jun$^{r}$, Adinah Bulfinch, Timothy Prout, John Clough are chosen to serve as Surveyors of y$^{e}$ Highwayes for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Mesu$^{es}$ Silence Allen, Benj$^{a}$ Emmons jun$^{r}$, Joshua Lane, Elisha Webb are chosen to Serve as Sealers of Lether for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Mesu$^{es}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Bridg, David Langdon, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Barnerd, John Eustice, are chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Fences for y$^{e}$ ensuein year.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Eustice, John Parker, Allexander Seers, Samuel Bridge & Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Barnerd are Chosen Measurer of Boards and Timber for the year ensueing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Johnson, Barrat Dyer, John Green, Cooper, Joseph Briscow are chosen Measurers of Graine for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

John King, William Gould, Nathan$^{ll}$ Aires & John Nicholls, Shop$^{kr}$, are chosen Hogg-reeves for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Thomas Banister, Sam$^{ll}$ Lynd Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Cushing, Robert Howard, Timothy Lindall, John Coleman, Benj$^{a}$ Gallop, John Frizell are chosen to Serve as Scavengers for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Voted An Adjourment of this meeting to Tuesday the 15$^{th}$ of March curr$^{t}$ at Two of the Clock in the afternoon then againe to Assemble in this place.

March 15$^{th}$. At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law being convened at the Town House on Monday the 14$^{th}$ of March 1708/9 and Continued by Adjournment to Tuesday the 15$^{th}$ day of the same, and being then Assembled.

Voted. That the proposall drawn up by the former Select men and now read, Concerning the Sweeping of Chimneys be referred unto the next Publick Towns meeting.

Whereas Mesu$^{rs}$ Thomas Litchmer Benj$^{a}$ Bronsdon, Benj$^{a}$ Walker jun$^{r}$, Jonathan Mountfort, Joseph Halsie & John Wilson hav: Sigified their refusall to Serve in the Office of Constables as chosen.

Messures Richard Hall, Nicholas Boon, William Webster, Nathaniel Green, Cord-winder, Nathan$^{ll}$ Goodwin, John Dasset are chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Voted. That the Town Slip at the Lower end of North Street Shall be clear$^{d}$ from any Incumberanc: lieing there, and that the S$^{d}$ Slip Shall be Kept clear, for the benefit of the Town and the Inhabitants thereof.

[304.] Voted. That the Select men do make Application to Her maj$^{ties}$ Justices at their Next Gen$^{ll}$ Sessions of the Peace holden for the County of Suffolke, praying for some order and direction that the House of Correction may be put into Such posture and Methode, and So regulated as may Serve the ends for which it was designed, and perticulerly to promote the good order of this Town.

Voted. The Grant of One Thousand pounds to be raised for defraying the Necessary Charges Arriseing w$^{th}$in & for this Town for the ensueing year.

Voted. That the Watch in like manner as was y$^{e}$ Last year be Still continued,

Voted. The grant of three hundred pounds be raised for the Support of the Watch for the ensueing year.

Voted. The grant of fifty pounds to be raised & to be Layd out in paveing of Such part of the Streets as the Select men Shall judg to be most needfull.

Whereas m$^{r}$ Daniel Oliver & Joseph Prout have Signified their refusall to Serve as Select men for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Deacon John Marrion is Chosen to Serve as a Select man for y$^{e}$ year ensueing, he being present Signifieth his refusall to Serve.

Cap$^{t}$ Ephraim Savage & m$^{r}$ Joseph Wadsworth are Chosen to Serve as Selectmen for the year ensueing.

M$^{r}$ Nathaniel Green haveing Signified his refusall to Serve as Constable.

M$^{r}$ David Coleson is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Ezekiel Lewise & Edward Winslow have Signified their refusall to Serve as Overseers of the Poor.

Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes & Cap$^{t}$ John Ballentine jun$^{r}$ are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes Signifies his refuseall to Serve as Overseer o' th Poor.

Cap Habijah Savage is chosen to Serve as Overseer of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Votes for County Treasu$^{r}$ w$^{r}$ given in & Commiteed to Consta Jonathan Williams to be by him delivered to the next Court of Gen$^{ll}$ Sessions of the Peace.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified & warned according to Law, being convened at the Town Hous: the 29th day of Aprill 1709.

Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$ is chosen to serve as Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to chuse four Representitives John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson, m$^{r}$ James Barnes & Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Fitch were by the Majority of Voters present chosen to Serve as representitives for this Town at the next Great & Gen$^{ll}$ Assembly at their next Session & Sessions, & So De Die in Diem &c.

Cap$^{t}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Keeling & Cap$^{t}$ John Ballentine jun$^{r}$ being befor: Chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for this present year & haveing refused to Serve.

Mr John Ruck and mr Charles Chauncy are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the remayning part of this present year.

Wheras Mr Bartholl Green was before chosen to Serve as one of the Clarks of the Market & cannot attend the Sd Service.

Mr Ewd Okes is chosen to Serve as Clark ye market for the remayning part of this year.

[305.] It being represented to the Inhabitants at this meeting That a Committee of the first Church of Christ in Boston haveing Lately purchased the Dwelling House and Land of Capt John Balston Late of Boston deceaced, abutting upon Water street, for the use of ye ministry, and the Said Capt Balston and his predecessors haveing for many years past with the Sd House, held and Enjoyed a Small Strip of Land by Lease from this Town Containeing Nineteen feet in breadth Easterly from the Old Tenement, extending in Length from Water Street to Spring Lane as it is now inclosed and within fence, It being by ye Said Committee proposed to the Town at this meeting that they would grant the Sd Strip of Ground to the aforesaid church forever.

Voted. The grant of the Sd Strip of Ground unto the Said Church forever.

Agreeable to the report now made by the Committee apointed at ye Last meeting to consider about building a meeting House at Rumny Marsh.

Voted. a Grant of One hundred pounds to be raised and Laid out in building a meeting House at Rumny Marsh.

Voted. That the afor Said Committee vizt Elisha Cook Esqr, Elisha Hutchinson Esqr, Samuell Sewall Esqr, Pen Townsend Esqr, and Edward Bromfeeld Esqr are appointed and impowered to direct, both as to the place and manner of Erecting Sd meeting House.

Voted. that the Town will proceed to Chuse a Committee to veiw and consider of what is needfull for the Town to do in repaireing the platt forms and Carriages at the South Battree.

Voted. That Elisha Cook Esqr, Capt Timothy Clark & mr Joseph Wadsworth be the Sd committee.

Voted. That So much as is needfull of the remainder of the money formerly raised for Fortifications shall be applyed to the repaireing of the Sd Platt forms & carriages at the South Battree and to be drawn out of the Treasury by the Sd Committee & to be by them Layd out in effecting the Same.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned According to Law, being Convened at the Town House on monday the 19th of December 1709.

Paul Dudley Esqr is chosen to Serve as Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted. That the Inhabittants of this Town will now proceed unto the choyce of a Committee to Audit the three Severall accots mentioned in the warrant for the Conveneing of this Meeting.

Voted. That John Foster Esqr, Samuel Lynde Esqr, Captn Thomas Fitch, Capt Samuel Keeling and mr Timothy Lindall or any three of them Attending the Said Service be a Committee

to Audits the Acco$^{ts}$ of the Committee for Fortifications Appointed by the Town in the year 1706. And the Acco$^{ts}$ of the Committee Appointed in this present year 1709 for repairing the Platforms &c. at the South Battrey, and also the Treasurer$^{s}$ Acco$^{ts}$ for this present year.

Voted. That a Committee be chosen to consider of the affaires relateing to the Gram̄er Free School of this Town, & to make report thereof at the Town meeting in March next.

Voted. That the Town will defray the Charge of an Assistant to m$^{r}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Williams in the Free School untill y$^{e}$ next Town meeting in march next.

Voted. That Seven persons be chosen to be of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Committee.

Voted. That Waite Winthrop Esq$^{r}$, Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Is$^{a}$ Addington Esq$^{r}$, John Foster Esq$^{r}$, and m$^{r}$ Ezekiel Lewise be y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Com̄ittee to Consider ab$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ School.

[**306.**] Whereas m$^{r}$ Thomas Clark of Boston Pewterer hath by his Petition desired liberty at his own Charge to fill up the Dock or Slip at the Lower end of Fleet Street, as far out as to be even with Cap$^{t}$ Haymans wharfe, So as that he may have a Cartway over the Same to pass unto his own wharfe, & the S$^{d}$ Dock So fild up & a wharfe there made to be also for the Com̄on use and benefit of y$^{e}$ Inhabitants, and also that he will allow a free passage from y$^{e}$ Same over his own wharfe unto the out wharfes, as is more fully Set forth in his Said Petition.

And whereas Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes for himselfe and Some other Gentlemen, doth propose at his and their own charge to run out a wharfe from the Lower end of King Street, the breadth of the S$^{d}$ Street as it now is, down to Low water marke & to Leave Thirty foot of y$^{e}$ breadth thereof free of all incumbrance, makeing a Convenient gapp to Lett in boats into each Bason with a Solid bridg over the Same.

Voted. That a Comittee be chosen to Advise & Consider of the aforesaid Proposalls of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Thom$^{s}$ Clark & Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyse and to make report to the next Town Meeting of what they Shall thinck proper for the Town to do concerning the Same.

Voted. That the present Select men viz$^{t}$ Cap$^{t}$ Ephraim Savage, m$^{r}$ Isaiah Tay, m$^{r}$ James Barnes, Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark, m$^{r}$ Rich$^{d}$ Draper, m$^{r}$ Daniel Powning, m$^{r}$ Jonas Clark, m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Marshall and m$^{r}$ Joseph Wadsworth be the Said Committee.

Voted. That in Consideration of m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Marshall serveing a Select man & Assessor for this present year, his fine for not Serveing as Assessor in y$^{e}$ year 1707 be remitted.

Voted. That the Consideration of building a Fast Bridg over the Creek in Mackrill Lane, be referred unto y$^{e}$ next Town meeting & that the present Select men be a Committee to Consider thereof and Lay before y$^{e}$ Town what they Shall thinck proper to be done therein.

Voted. That the Consideration of provideing Chimny Sweepers be referred unto y$^{e}$ Select men who are desired to prepare and Lay befor y$^{e}$ the Town at their next meeting what they Shall thinck proper to be done therein.

Voted. That a Committee be chosen to advise & consider of Some proper Methodes to prevent damage by the Sea's wasting away y^e neck & to prevent the growth of a Town charge there, and to present unto the Town at their next meeting what they Shall thinck proper to be done about the Same.

Voted. That Paul Dudley Esq^r, Cap^t Thom^s Fitch, m^r Henry Dereing, m^r John George, m^r Thomas Cushing, John Clark Esq^r, Sam^ll Lynd Esq^r be the S^d Committee.

M^r Benjamen Walker haveing proposed to the Town that he is willing to to remove & take away his porch w^ch lies in next to Queen Street provided the Town will allow him an equivalent of Land out of y^e S^d Street to joyn in adition to the whole Length of his Land there.

Voted. That it be left with the Select men to agree w^th the S^d m^r Walker a^bt y^e S^d Exchange of Land, & wholly to finish that affaire as they Shall thinck best.

[**307.**] At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 13^th day of March 1709/0

Voted. That Samuel Sewall Esq^r be the Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted. That the Town will not proceed to y^e choyce of Assessors distinct from the Select men.

Voted. That the Select men Shall be the Assessors.

Voted. That nine Select men shall be chosen.

Cap^t Ephraim Savage, m^r Isaiah Tay, m^r James Barnes, Cap^t Tim^o Clark, m^r Richard Draper, m^r Daniel Powning, m^r Jonas Clark, m^r Joseph Wadsworth & m^r Samuel Marshall are chosen to Serve as Select men for y^e year ensueing.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Town Clerk for y^e year ensueing.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Treasu^r for y^e year ensueing.

Cap^t Wentworth Paxton, Messu^rs Eneas Salter, John Peirse, John Savill w^r chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing, & w^r Sworn.

Humphry Richards, Richard Bill, Benjamen Gibson, Samuel Clark were chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensueing & refused to Serve.

Timothy Prout, Joseph Callender, John Buckley w^r chosen to Serve as Constables (in y^e Room of the Last mentioned three who refused) & w^r lik wise Sworn.

Isaac Lewise is chosen to Serve as Constable (for the district of Rumny Marsh) for y^e year ensueing.

John Brentnel & Thomas Prat are chosen to Serve as Fence veiwers within the district of Rumny Marsh for y^e year ensueing.

The Committee chosen by the Town the 19^th of December Last, to consider the Affaires relating to y^e Free Grammer School of this Town, haveing now made their report unto y^e Town as followeth viz^t.

Wee have discoursed w^th m^r Williams the present master of whos: qualifications and fitness for that imployment we tak: for

granted every body must be abundantly Satisfied. He expresses a good Inclination to the worke, and his resolution intirely to devote him Selfe thereto, If the Town please to Encourage his continuance therein by allowing him a competent Sallary, that he may Support his family, and Granting him an Assistant. He is Very Sencible of the Advantage of the Assistance Lately afforded him, both with respect to his health and also as to y^e^ Schollars.

We are of opinion the worke of that School do's necessarily require the Attendance of a master and an Usher, and it seems Impracticable for one person alone, well to Oversee the manners of So great a number of Schollars (oft times more then a hundred) to hear their dayly Exercises, and Instruct them to that degree of profitting, which other wise may be w^th^ an Assistant.

[**308.**] We Recommend it to the Town to Encourage m^r^ Williams's continuance in the School, by advanceing his Salary to the Sum of One hundred pounds p Annu, which we thinck to be a modest demand, and to grant him the Assistance of an Usher, at the Towns charge. In which we have y^e^ concurrent Opinion and Advice of y^e^ Revr^d^ Ministers.

We further propose and recommend, as of Great Service and Advantage for the promoting of Diligence and good literature, That the Town Agreeably to the Usage in England, and (as we understand) in Some time past practiced here, Do Nominate and Appoint a Certain Number of Gentlemen, of Liberal Education, Together with Some of y^e^ Rev^d^ Ministers of the Town to be Inspectors of the S^d^ Schoole under that name Title or denomination, To Visit y^e^ School from time to time, when and as Oft, as they shall thinck fit to Enform themselves of the methodes used in teaching of y^e^ Schollars and to Inquire of their Proficiency, and be present at the performance of Some of their Exercises, the Master being before Notified of their Comeing, And with him to consult and Advise of further Methods for y^e^ Advancement of Learning and the Good Government of the Schoole.

And at their S^d^ Visitation, One of the Ministers by turns to pray with the Schollars, and Entertain 'em with Some Instructions of Piety Specially Adapted to their age and Education. The Inspectors also, with the master to Introduce an Usher, upon such Salary as the Town Shall agree to grant for his Service, all which is Submitted to Consideration.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to Consider the Said Report in the Several Articles thereof

Voted. That m^r^ Nathaniel Williams's Salary be advanced to One hundred pounds p' Annum to Encourage his continuanc: in the School.

Voted. That an Usher at the Town's Charge be allowed to Assist m^r^ Williams in the S^d^ School.

Voted. That the Town doth agree to mak: choyce of Inspector according to the aforesaid proposalls.

Voted. That Inspectors be chosen to Serve for one year ensuing.

Voted. That five persons be chosen to attend y^e^ S^d^ Service.

Voted. That the Hon^ble^ Waite Winthrop Esq^r^, Sam^ll^ Sewall Esq^r^, Elisha Cook Esq^r^, Isaac Addington Esq^r^, & Thomas Brattle Esq^r^

are desired and appointed to Attend the S$^{d}$ Servic: as Inspectors agreeable to the S$^{d}$ proposalls.

Voted. That the Said Inspectors are desired to Introduce an Usher into y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ School, and to Agree with him for a Recompence for his Service, not Exceeding Forty pounds p Annum.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Inspectors do agree w$^{th}$ m$^{r}$ Thayer for his past Service in that worke & allow him for y$^{e}$ Same not exceeding the aforesaid Rate of Forty pounds p Annu.

Whereas the Select men for the year past by a vote of y$^{e}$ Inhabitants of this Town at their Publick meeting on the 19$^{th}$ day of December Last past, were Appointed a Committee to Consider the Proposalls of Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes and Some other Gentlemen, about their building out a wharfe from the Lower end of King Street, down to Low Water marke, and to make report to y$^{e}$ next Town meeting, of what they shall thinck proper for y$^{e}$ Town to do Concerning the Same.

[**309.**] The Said Committee have now presented their report thereof unto the Town and is as followeth viz$^{t}$

Wee are of Opinion that the proposalls made by Doct$^{r}$ Oliver Noyes and other Gentlemen now Signed by them & given in to the town at this meeting, will be a means to have the Out wharfes brought into good repaire, the doing of which with the planting of Guns as proposed, may be a great Safety to this Town in case of the Attack of an Enemie, and will be of Publick and Generall good to this Town, Provided the Undertakers be under Penalty to perform what they have there proposed and what is intended viz$^{t}$. That the Street Shall forever be Open it's full breadth from the End of King Street to the Circular Line, and be no wayes Incumbered by them.

Signed by Joseph Prout T. Clerk in y$^{e}$ name of S$^{d}$ Comittee.

The aforementioned proposalls made by Doct$^{r}$ Oliver Noyes and other Gentlemen, Signed by them and Given to y$^{e}$ Town at this meeting, and being read are as followeth, viz$^{t}$.

We the Subscribers Some of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston do hereby promise and Ingage, that we and our Associates will at our own Cost and Charge Erect and build a wharfe with a Sufficient Comon Shore (at the Approbation of the Select men) at the end of King Street to the Circular Line as delineated by the Plan, and that from thence we will Erect, build and maintaine a Wharfe. the width of the Street between m$^{r}$ Apthorps and m$^{r}$ Fanueills, and Continue the Same in a direct line to the wharfes commonly called the new Wharfes, and unto Low-water marke, leaveing, alwayes a way of Thirty feet wide on one of the Sides thereof as a High way for the use of the Inhabitants of the Said Town and others, and to extend from One end of the Same to the other for ever, and leaveing a gap of Sixteen feet wide (covered Over) for Lighters and boats to pass and repass about the middle of Said wharfe or where the Select men Shall direct, as also a passage way on to the new Wharfes, on each Side for Carts &c. Leaveing the end of S$^{d}$ Wharfe free for the Town, when they Shall See reason to plant Guns for the defence of Said Town, In consideration whereof the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, Shall and do give Grant, Bargaine, Enfeoffe and

Confirm unto us the S$^{d}$ Subscribers our heires, Assignes and Associates forever the Said Wharfe or Flatts to be maintained as aforesaid, unto Low water mark, w$^{th}$ all the Libertyes Priviledges Comodityes and Appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging to our only proper & absolute use and be hoofe forever, And that the Town of Boston Shall alwayes defend us in the Possession and Peaceable Improvement of the Granted Premisies from any claim of y$^{e}$ Town &c. and that no wharfe beyond the S$^{d}$ Circular Line be permitted to joyn or come nearer to us then Sixty foot for ever, And we do Ingage and promise to finish s$^{d}$ Wharfe within the space of four years next after the date of the Grant if the Right of y$^{e}$ out wharfes for One hundred & twenty foot where the line will fall can be procured by us. In witness where of Wee have hereunto Sett our hands the twent$^{th}$. day of Feb$^{ry}$ Anno Reginæ Octavo Anno Dom$^{i}$ 1709/10 Oliver Noyes, Daniel Oliver, James Barnes, John George, John Gerrish, Anthony Stoddard.

Voted. A grant to Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes and Comp$^{a}$ according to their Said Proposalls, and the Committee's Report, So as not to prejudise former grants.

[310.] Voted. That the Select men be empowered on behalf of the Town, to Execute proper Instruments in writeing for the Confirming the afore mentioned Grant to Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes & Comp$^{a}$.

M$^{r}$ Thomas Clark of Boston Pewterer haveing by his Petition Signified his request as followeth viz$^{t}$.

That the Town would Grant him Leave to fill up the Towns Dock (or Slip at the Lower end of Fleet Street) even with Cap$^{t}$ Haymans Wharfe, which he will do at his own charge, and the Same Shall be free for all persons who shall have Ocasion to Ship off, or for Landing any Goods at any time, which will be a great benefit, whereas it is now of no use at all: and this your Petitioner is willing to do though it will be more for the benefit of the Merchants then for his own proffit, provided he may have a Cart way free forever for himselfe, his heires and Assignes, and he further promises a free Cart way for the Inhabitants of Boston to pass from this wharfe to the Out wharfes or any part thereof, he further Engages to make Such a way or slip at the end of the wharfe as the Selectmen Shall See meet.

And whereas the Select men by a Vote of the Town the 19$^{th}$ of December Last were appointed to advise & consider of m$^{r}$ Thomas Clarks proposalls Set forth in his Petition & to mak: Report at the next Town meeting of what they Shall thinck proper for the Town to do Concerning the Same.

The S$^{d}$ Select men haveing now presented to y$^{e}$ Town their report thereof as followeth viz$^{t}$.

That our Opinion is. The proposalls mad: by m$^{r}$ Thom$^{s}$ Clark for runing out a wharfe at the Lower end of Fleet Street as by him Set forth in his Petition, with addition that he make a good Sufficient Comon Shore the Length of the whole wharfe, that then it will be very comdious and beneficiall to the Inhabitants of this Town, and no wayes Infringeing the Libertyes of any perticuler persons.

Voted. A grant to mr Thoms Clark agreeable to his above proposalls & the Select mens Report.

Voted. That the Select men be impowered on behalfe of ye Town to Execute proper instruments, in writeing for the Confirmation of ye abovesd Grant to mr Clark.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town the 19th day of December Last, The Select men have now Offered to ye Town ther proposalls in writeing (containeing a projection of Orders) For the more Effectuall preventing Danger by Fire, arriseing by ye Neglect of, or Carelessness in Sweeping of Chimneys, the wch proposalls are Now lieing on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Voted. That the Town doth Accept & approve of the Sd Report made by ye Select men abt Chimnyes and Chimny Sweepers.

Voted. That the Select men are directed & Impowered to present the Said Projection of Orders to ye Court of Quarter Sessions in order to their Approbation thereof, and (if need be) to agree unto alterations or emmendations therein, So as the same may agree with the Scope and intent of the Sd Proposalls and the Same to continu: in force as ye Town Orders.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town the 18thof Decembr Last Relateing to the makeing a fast Bridg in Mackrill Lane the Select men have now given in their Report as follows vizt.

[**311.**] That they are of Opinion that it's Absolutely Necessary that a Sufficient firm Bridg fitt for Horse & cart be forth with made over the Creek in Mackrell Lane, and that nothing doth appear to them that the Town hath ever abridged them Selves of that Priviledg, and if those that claim propriety above the Bridg do See cause to make Sutable provision to draw the said Bridg So as to let Vessells in and out, that then they do, and maintane that part at their own Charge, and become Obliged to defend the Town from any damage which may hapen on their part

Voted. That the Town doth approve of the Sd report made by the Select men relateing to ye Sd Bridg.

It being proposed to ye town by, or on ye behalfe of Mr Gyles Dyer Sherriff, as followeth, vizt.

Whereas there is a peice of Land at the South end of ye Town, being part of Wheelers Pond in Pond Street claimed by ye Sd Mr Dyer by deed on wch he desires to build a Barn wth wood, of Twenty foot in Front & Forty foot Backward, and the Select men of the Town haveing also claimed a right for the Same for ye Town, The Sd Dyer is willing to avoyd all further controversy, to leave out of his other Land as many feet of his own ground joyning to the Sd Street, and Lett the water course which did formerly much annoy ye Sd Street, go through his own Land, which will very much accomodate the Sd Street, both for the breadth and dryness of it, and no wayes discomode the Sd Pond, there being between forty and fifty foot left for a passage to ye sd Pond, which if liberty be granted to him So to build, he will lett lie Open forever, for the Town for a watering place.

The above is what Mr Gyles Dyer offers, And wee the present Select men of the Town of Boston, Considering there has been Severall years uneasieness about the Sd Land, And also haveing

had m^r Dyers Petition before us for Liberty to Erect a Wooden building on the S^d Land, which we have not thought convenient to grant without the Consent of the Town, because we judg the just Right and property of the S^d Land belongs to the Said Town, Yet in consideration of what m^r Dyer Offers in Exchange, wee desire the Town would give directions for the Isueing this matter.

Dated y^e 7^th of March 1709/10.

Voted. A grant to m^r Gyles Dyer of y^e Land w^ch he proposes to Sett his Barn on, on y^e Conditions above mentioned.

And the Select men are impowered to Execute Sutabl: instruments in writeing for y^e Confirmation there of.

The Select men haveing proposed to y^e Town, that Seeing Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r is willing to Surrender up the Leas: of y^e Town Dock, or Bendalls Dock, upon terms by him proposed, they are of Opinion that it would be Advis: abl: for the Town to take it into their own hands.

Voted. That the Selectmen to gether w^th John Clark Esq^r, Paul Dudley Esq^r, Cap^t Oliver Noyes & Cap^t Thomas Fitch be impowered to Treat and Agree w^th Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r ab^t his Surrender of y^e S^d Lease on Such Terms as they Shall thinck beneficial to y^e Town.

[**312.**] Voted. That the Comittee Appointed the 19^th day of Dec^r Last, to Advise and Consider of proper methodes to prevent the Seas wasting away the Neck, be further Continued to Consider the Same, and to receive the proposalls of any persons who Shall Offer to take part of the Flats and Secure the High way.

Voted. A Grant of One hundred pounds, to be raised and Layd out in paveing on the Neck, in such place or places as is most needfull.

Voted. That this Meeting be Adjourned untill to morrow being Tuesday the 14^th of March Curr^t at two of y^e clock after noon to go on and finish the remayning worke of this meeting and to Consider Ab^t a Fortification on y^e Neck.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabit^ts of the Town of Boston, duly qualified & warned according to Law being Convened at y^e Town-House in Boston the 13^th of March Ann^o 1709/0 and Continued by Adjournment to the 14^th day of the Same, and then being convened.

Samuel Burnel is chosen to Serve as Constable for y^e year ensueing in the room of Humphery Richards who being before chosen hath refused to Serv: S^d Burnel sworn.

Votes for County Treasu^r w^r recd in & delivered to Consta. Tim^o Prout by him to be given into y^e Q^r. Sessions.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to chuse Seven Overseers of the Poor.

Thomas Palmer Esq^r, m^r William Welsteed, m^r John Boult, m^r Grove Hirst, m^r John Ruck, m^r Charles Chauncey & Cap^t Habijah Savage are chosen to serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Jonatan Mountfort, Noah Champney, Seth Dwight, Hopestill Foster, Benj^a Simpson, Sam^ll Demming are Chosen to Serve as Clerks of y^e Market for y^e year ensueing.

Voted. The Thanks of this Town to y$^{e}$ Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor for their Last years good Service.

Voted. That the Select men and Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor be a Committee to Consider and prepare what they Shall thinck meet further to be done, Relateing to y$^{e}$ Work-House & Almes-House and well ordering of y$^{e}$ Poor. And also of y$^{e}$ Hous: of Correction and to Lay the Same before y$^{e}$ Town.

Voted. That 1 James Freeman, James Barnerd, 2 Jonath$^{n}$ Farum, John Comer, 3 William Wilson, Samuell Adams, 4 Moses Bradford, John Flagg, 5. Sam$^{ll}$ Plummer, Joseph Green, 6. Thom$^{s}$ Peck, John Green Cooper, 7 Robert Butcher, Cap$^{t}$ Rich$^{d}$ Gridley, 8 James Moseman, Peter Thomas, do Serve as Tythingmen within this Town for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

[**313** ] Voted. That the Select take y$^{e}$ care of repaireing the Highwayes for the year ensueing both within y$^{e}$ Town & at Rumny Marsh.

Mesu$^{rs}$ John Marrion, Thomas Cushing, William Jepson & Silence Allen are chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Mesu$^{rs}$ Samuel Bridg, Peter Wear, John Jepson & Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Barnerd are Chosen to Serve as Fence-Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Benjamen Brown, Anthony Underwood, Sam$^{ll}$ Thorn, & Zach$^{ry}$ Thayer are chosen to Serve as Hogreeves for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of Six weighers of Hay.

Mesu$^{rs}$ James Barnes, Frances Thresher, Timothy Wadsworth, John Bennet, William Shepreeve & Joseph Maylam are chosen to Serve as Weighers of Hay for the year ensueing.

The Select men haveing proposed to y$^{e}$ Town at this meeting, That whereas the water wayes for Landing from Winisimit are out of Repaire, And Since the North Battree is New built there is a comodious place at the west end of the Old Battree, wher: there is no Tide to annoy the Fery boats Landing there, they propose that the S$^{d}$ wayes be there built on the Townes ground w$^{ch}$ may be an Advantage.

Voted. A Concurrence to y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ proposalls ab$^{t}$ a water way to be built at Merry$^{s}$ point.

A memorial being presented to y$^{e}$ Town at this meeting, in writeing as followeth viz$^{t}$.

It being supposed that attempts may be made by Some perticular persons (in order to promote their own private interest) to perswade Some of the Inhabitants of this Town to move for a Vote of the Town for, or in order to the wharfeing, or filling up the Town Slip at the Lower end of Wood Lane, under a pretence that the So doing may prove a com̄on benefit. And Least the Town Should be too easiely perswaded to Consent thereto in their own wrong.

The Subscribers hereof do hereby Offer unto consideration Some Arguments to demontrate, that the filling up the Said Slip will tend to the prejudice and dam̄age of y$^{e}$ Town And that the Same being left open will tend to y$^{e}$ benefit & Advantage of the Inhabitants, and that in Sundry respects viz$^{t}$.

1. With respect to the Natural Course of Wast water running out of Severall Streets into that Slip, and in perticular the many Cellar draines in that part of the Town, which can have Vent in no other place but ther: unto which priviledge that neighbor hood do esteem themselves to have a just and equitable Right, and Some of them do complaine, that the buildings w^ch^ have been Set over the S^d^ Slip for years past hath been greatly to their damage, for that y^e^ S^d^ Slip, partly by the working of the Sea, and partly by Trash cast in, hath gradually fil'd up, and no way left to come at and clear the Same, the which inconveniency (unto a greater degree) they may reasonably expect in cas: the Same Should be wharfed or fil'd up.

[**314.**] 2. With respect to the benefit of haveing Small boats with fruits, and other provisions usually brought to market, to come up and lie so neer the High way which might be a benefit to y^e^ Inhabitants for the future as it formerly was, for (by the report of Sum who do remember the Same) that Slip before any buildings were Set over it, was much frequented by Such boats Comeing to market from y^e^ Iselands and other places lieing Nigh unto this Town.

3. With respect to the Landing or Shipping off of Horses, Cattell &c. or the Saveing any Such from being drowned or Lost, which at any time may hapen to fall off from any wharfe on y^t^ Side of y^e^ Town.

4. And also with respect to the more ready comeing at, and procureing water out of the Sea in case of great extreamity by the breaking out of fire in that part of the Town.

All which fore mentioned conveniencyes being for the Comon good and benefit of the Inhabitants may justly claim a prefference to any privat: Advantag:

And whereas the Said Slip is the Only place of the Townes now left on that Side of the Town, Capable of of being left open for the Afore mentioned uses.

It is there fore proposed that the Inhabitants do pass a Vote, That the Said Slip be for ever hereafter left open as a waterway free for the afore said uses, excepting only So much thereof to be made up and fil'd Next the Street, as shall be a Sufficient Abuttment to the Same, and that all the rest of y^e^ Said Slip be clear'd, and Kept clear and Free from any Filth, annoyance, incumberance or Incroachment, and that Convenient Sepps and wayes be made to the Same, with Battlements next the Street.

Signed by John Clark Esq^r^, Jos Prout W^m^ Robie, w^th^ twenty others of y^e^ Inhabit^ts^.

Voted. That the Town doth agree unto the above mentioned proposalls relateing to the Slip at the Lower End of wood lane. and that those who have benefit thereby, bear the charge of Clearing y^e^ Same.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of a Committee to Consider about building a line of Fortification on the Neck, to make an Estemation of what may be the charge thereof, and also to Consider of the most convenient place, & manner how the Sam: may be built So as to be a means of Safety to y^e^ Town,

and to make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall thinck proper for the Town to do therein.

Voted. That five persons be chosen to be of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted. That Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Fitch & Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes, be the S$^{d}$ Committee.

Whereas Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ and John Foster Esq$^{r}$ were formerly Appointed as a Comittee to Treat and Agree w$^{th}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall Esq$^{r}$ or any other person who hath Land convenient, ab$^{t}$ purchaseing of Land. [**315.**] Convenient for the Enlargement of the North burying place, & that nothing hath been as yet effected therein.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Committee be Continued, and they ar: desired to make report to the Town at their Next meeting of their Proceedings in that matter.

Whereas Joseph Prout hath represented to the Town at this meeting that he hath Served as Town Clerk for the Space of Nine years past. And that dureing the S$^{d}$ time, his worke in that office for the Towne's Service, hath gradually Increased So as that it farr exceeds what was usuall in the time of his Predicessors, And that his Perquissets in Sundry Instances thereof is very much Abated. And that for the Space of Seven years past he hath Served the Town as Treasu$^{r}$, And that the work of both his S$^{d}$ Offices hath required Such Constant dayly Attendance, So as to exclude his undertakeing in other imploy$^{mt}$. And that his income for both, falls considerably Short of his Necessary expences. And prayes that the Same may be considered in order to his being allowed Some further Recompenc: for his Said Service as Treasurer.

Voted. That the Committee formerly Appointed to Audit the Treasurers Acco$^{ts}$ for the year past viz$^{t}$ John Foster Esq$^{r}$, Samuel Lynd Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Fitch, Cap$^{t}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Keeling and m$^{r}$ Timothy Lindall, are desired and appointed to inspect & consider that matter, And make report to the Town at their next meeting, their Opinion, of what they Shall thinck meet for the Town to do in Answere to the S$^{d}$ Prout$^{s}$ request for Some further Recompence.

Voted. That Joseph Prout is granted the Sum̄e of Thirty pounds for his Service as Treasu$^{r}$ in the two years Last past.

Voted. A grant of fourteen hundred pounds to be raised on the Inhabitants and Estates of this Town for defraying the Ordinary necessary charges of this Town for the year ensueing.

Voted. That the Select men do Supply the Representitives who Shall be chosen for y$^{e}$ next years Service with a Memoriall in Order to Obtaine of y$^{e}$ Gen$^{ll}$ Court, liberty in y$^{e}$ Law that the Select men from time to time may State the ffees for Cording of wood.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, and warned, according to Law, being convened at the Town-House the 15th of May 1710.

Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop is chosen to Serve as Moderator, & Refuseth to Serve.

Coll$^{o}$ Pen Townsend is chosen to Serve a Moderator for this Meeting.

John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Ephr$^{m}$ Savage, Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson, m$^{r}$ James Barnes are by y$^{e}$ Majority of Voters present chosen to Serve as Representitives.

Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyne is chosen to Serve as a Select man for y$^{e}$ year ensueing in the room of m$^{r}$ Rich$^{d}$ Draper who was before chosen to that Office & refuseth to Serve.

[316.] Whereas the Comittee formerly appointed by y$^{e}$ Town to Consider of proper Methodes for improveing the money reed for the Wast Lands at Brantrey So as the Stock might not be exhausted they now propose to Erect a Brick Building on the Town$^{s}$ Slip by Joseph Rogers$^{s}$ to be let out for the Support of a Publick writeing School in the Town, and do offer it to the Town, That they grant the Said Slip for the end afore Said, there being Ab$^{t}$ Six hundred and Sixty pounds to be layd out.

Voted. That a Comittee be chosen to Consider and make report to the town at their next meeting, of what they Shall thinck proper for the Town to do, relateing to the afore said proposalls.

Voted. That John Foster Esq$^{r}$, Pen Townesend Esq$^{r}$, Peter Sergent Esq$^{r}$, John Clarke Esq$^{r}$, and m$^{r}$ John Marrion be the Said Committee.

Voted. That consideration ab$^{t}$ Selling the Blue Hill Lands at Brantree be deferrred untill next meeting.

The Select men haveing now Informed the Town, that they have veiwed that part of the High way on the Neck, w$^{ch}$ is most in danger of being wasted away by the Tides, for w$^{ch}$ the Town at their Last meeting granted one hundred pounds to be layd out in paveing thereof, and that they have Computed the Charge thereof will amo$^{t}$ to neer double the S$^{d}$ Sume.

Voted. That the Select men do proceed to Accomplish the paveing thereof altho' the charge thereof do exceed the Sum̄e first proposed.

Voted. That Consideration ab$^{t}$ Fortifieing y$^{e}$ Neck be deferred untill next meeting.

Voted. That Severall Comittees formerly appointed who have not yet given in their Report viz$^{t}$.

Comittee to Consider ab$^{t}$ Secureing y$^{e}$ neck.

Committee Ab$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ Worke-House &c.

Comittee to Consider of Jos. Prout's motion.

Comittee Ab$^{t}$ enlargeing y$^{e}$ North-buryin plac: be further continued.

Voted. That John Foster Esq$^{r}$, Samuel Lynde Esq$^{r}$, Maj$^{r}$ Thom$^{s}$ Fitch, Cap$^{t}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Keeling and m$^{r}$ Timothy Lindall or any three of them Attending the S$^{d}$ Service, be a Comittee to Audit the Treasu$^{rs}$ acco$^{ts}$ for this present year.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ Hopestill Foster & m$^{r}$ Noah Champey do Serve as Tything men for this present year.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ William Lowder & m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Pearce do Serve as Clerks of the Market for this present year.

Voted. That the Select men do provide Materialls Necessary for the weighing of Hay.

Whereas m$^{r}$ Henry Dering hath Offered proposalls to the Town for their provideing Sundry Materialls for the more Speedy Suppressing of fire.

Voted. That the Consideration thereof be left to the Select men.

[317.] At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned According to Law, being convened at the Town-House the 14th of Octo$^{r}$ 1710.

Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$ was chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Meeting who desireing to be excused.

Samuel Lynde Esq$^{r}$ was chosen in his room to Serve as moderator for this meeting.

A motion or Request in writeing being presented and distinctly Read at this meeting & is as followeth viz$^{t}$.

"The Request of the Hon$^{ble}$ Coll$^{o}$ Francis Nicholson together "with the Ministers, Church Wardens, and others of the Church "of England in Boston Sheweth.

"That the Church being too Small to accomodate the congre-"gation and Strangers that dayly Increase. And are desireous to "Enlarge the Same with the Approbation of the Select men and "Inhabitants, but wanting Ground on the North Side and East "End, Request that they may have a Grant of fifteen foot wide "on the North Side and Seventy four foot in Length. And ten "foot at the East end of the Church in Length which is included "in the S$^{d}$ Seventy four foot. Reserveing the Same Liberty to all "persons who have had any friends buryed in Said Ground which "they Enjoyed heretofore. Which Request being granted Shall be "ever Acknowledged &c."

Voted. a grant to the S$^{d}$ Gentlemen of their abovesaid Request.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and Warned According to Law, being Convened at the Town-House the 12th day of March 1710. 11.

Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for y$^{e}$ meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to choose Assessors distinct from the Select men.

Voted. That Seven persons be Chosen to Serve as Assessors.

Voted. That Seven persons be Chosen to Serve as Sel: men.

Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Mesu$^{rs}$ Isaiah Tay, Daniel Oliver, Thomas Cushing, D$^{r}$ Oliver Noyes, Joseph Wadsworth, Edward Hutchinson are Chosen to Serve as Select men for y$^{e}$ year Ensueing.

Messu$^{rs}$ James Barnes, Cap$^{t}$ Tim$^{o}$ Clark, Daniel Powning, Jonas Clark, Francis Thresher, Samuel Greenwood, Cap$^{t}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Oliver are Chosen to Serve as Assessors for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

[318.] Voted. an Adjourm$^{t}$ of this meeting untill three of the Clock in the afternoon of this day. And being then mett they proceeded.

Officers Chosen to Serve in the district of Rumny Marsh for the year ensueing viz$^{t}$.

William Hasie is chosen to Serve as Constable.

Abraham Hasie & John Chamberline are chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

Thomas Berry & Thomas Prat to Serve as Tythingmen.

Votes for County Treasu$^{r}$ delivered to Consta Burnel.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Town Clerk.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Treasu$^{r}$.

Messu$^{rs}$ Thomas Lee, David Mason, Gyles Fifeeld, Eliezur Darbey, George Bethune, John Benning, Joseph Hood, Thom$^{s}$ Richards Chosen to Serve as Constables.

The Hon$^{ble}$ Waite Winthrop Esq$^{r}$; Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Sam$^{ll}$ Sewal Esq$^{r}$, Isaac Addington Esq$^{r}$ and Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$ are chosen to be Inspectors of the Free Gramer School for the year ensueing.

Voted. The Town will proceed to choose Seven Overseers of the Poor.

Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$, Messu$^{rs}$ William Welsteed, John Ruck, Grove Hirst, Charles Chauncey, Cap$^{t}$ Habijah Savage, Timothy Lendall are Chosen to Serve as Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Mesu$^{rs}$ John Baker, John Green, Benj$^{a}$ Brame, Nath$^{ll}$ Balstone & Thomas Godfrey are Chosen to Serve as Clerks of y$^{e}$ Market.

For Reasons given by Joseph Hood. Voted that he be Excused from Serveing as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

Mes$^{s}$ William Hough, Cap$^{t}$ James Pitts, Cap$^{t}$ Gilbert Bant, Thomas Hunt, Thomas Clark, John George, John Mico, John Clough Skiner, Joseph Grant, David Farnum, Cap$^{t}$ Jn$^{o}$ Ballentine, Will$^{m}$ Harrise, David Jefferyes, Samuel Phillips, John Bourland, Robert Calef are Chosen to Serve as Tythingmen.

M$^{r}$ John Benning declares his Refusall to Serve as Consta.

[**319.**] Deacon John Maryon, Silence Allen, William Jepson & Will$^{m}$ Clear are Chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Sam$^{ll}$ Bridg, Peter Wire, Cap$^{t}$ John Barnerd & John Eustice are Chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for the ensueing year.

Andrew Cunningham, Job Ingram, Rich$^{d}$ Hunewell and Josue Marriner are Chosen to Serve as Hogreeves.

Coll$^{o}$ John Ballentine, Majo$^{r}$ Thomas Fitch, Mess$^{urs}$ Stephen Minot, James Lablond, Thomas Smith, Will$^{m}$ Shepreeve, Nathan$^{ll}$ Aires & John Briggs, are chosen to Serve as Scavengers for the year ensueing.

Mesu$^{rs}$ James Barnes, Francis Thrasher, Tim$^{o}$ Wadsworth, John Bennet, William Shepreeve & Joseph Malam are Chosen to Serve as Weighers of Hay for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to Chuse Six persons to be Measurers of board, plank &c. & Veiwers of Shingle.

Mesu$^{rs}$ James Barnes, Samuel Bridg, James Gooch, Allex$^{r}$ Seers, Jabez Negus & Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Barnerd are chosen to Serve as Measu$^{rs}$ of Board, plank &c. And Veiwers of Shingle.

Voted. That the Gentlemen now Chosen as Select men be also the Surveyors of the Highwayes for the year ensueing.

Proposals being now offered to the Town in writeing, under the hands of Mesu$^{rs}$ David Jefferyes, Ephraim Savage, Thom$^{s}$ Creese, Samuel Bridg Rich$^{d}$ Christophers, & John Green, Proprietors of Certain: parcells of Land lieing betwixt Queen Street & School Street. considering the Accomodation and benefit w$^{ch}$ in divers respects will arise to the Inhabitants in Gen$^{ll}$ by the Laying out a

Street or Lane Across from Queen Street to School Street afores$^{d}$ And being Willing to part w$^{th}$ Some of their Lands for such a Publick use and Service, Offering to the Town the consideration of their aforesaid Proposall for the Laying out a Street or Lane across betwixt y$^{e}$ two Streets aforesaid, of such Breadth as the Town may thinck convenient. One end thereof to open into Queen Street at the Westerly end of the dwelling House & Land of the Late John Eyre Esq$^{r}$ deceaced, abutting on y$^{e}$ same, and the other end thereof to be opened to School Street at the Easterly end of the dwelling House belonging to y$^{e}$ Free Gramar School Now in the Occupation of m$^{r}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Williams.

Praying the Town to Encourrage & Assist the Same in what is Necessary to be done on their part, for y$^{e}$ Promoting so Publick and beneficial a worke.

And the Select men for the year Last past, haveing Signified to the Town, that they have, Viewed the S$^{d}$ place & Considered **[320.]** The Circumstances thereof, and are of Opinion that the Same may be granted on the following conditions Viz$^{t}$.

That whereas the Town hath So large a part in y$^{e}$ Said Land, It is thought proper and Reasonable That the Gentlemen who have desired a Street to be there Layd out, Should at their own cost & charge make up y$^{e}$ Fence, and Pave and Maintaine the Said Street throughout, and dig a well for the Town in Some Convenient place at the direction of y$^{e}$ Select men in leiw of a well belonging to y$^{e}$ Town at the end of the House m$^{r}$ Williams the School master dwells in.

Voted. That the Town Approves & Accepts of the aforesaid Proposalls as the Select men have Stated it, And do Appoint the Select men to Lay out and finish the Same So farr as the Townes Right extends.

Voted. an Adjournment of this Meeting unto to morrow being the 13$^{th}$ of March Cur$^{t}$ at nine of y$^{e}$ Clock in the forenoon. And being then againe Convened they proceeded as followeth Viz$^{t}$.

In the room of Joseph Hood whom y$^{e}$ Town hath excused, And Mesu$^{es}$ George Bethune, Thomas Lee, John Benning, Cap$^{t}$ David Mason, and Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Richards, who have declared their refusall to Serve as Constables, w$^{r}$ chosen to Serve in their room as follows viz$^{t}$

Mesu$^{rs}$ Barrat Dyer, Charles Morrise, Sam$^{ll}$ Marshall jun$^{r}$, Samuell Greenliefe, Sam$^{ll}$ Bill, Edward Wade are chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing.

Voted. An Acceptance of the Selectmens Report relateing to m$^{r}$ Dereings Proposal, for provideing materiall to Extinguis fire.

Voted. That the Town will choose a Comittee to hear the Claims of those that Oppose the Erecting of a building at y$^{e}$ Dock for y$^{e}$ Publick use, with the Answeres of the Comittee of the Town and Proprietors, and make report to y$^{e}$ Town at their next meeting for the choyce of Representitives.

Voted. That Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Capt$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson, Mesu$^{rs}$ Ezekiel Lewise, James Barnes, & Timothy Thornton be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted. That the Present Selectmen Viz$^{t}$. Addington Daven-

port Esq$^{r}$, Mesu$^{rs}$ Isaiah Tay, Daniel Oliver, Thom$^{s}$ Cushing, Dr Oliver Noyes, Joseph Wadsworth & Edw$^{d}$ Hutchinson, or any five of them, be a Comittee to Sell the Townes Lands in Brantree, and that they have full power to Sign & execute Deeds for y$^{e}$ same, & y$^{t}$ they Lay out y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ money in Some Real Estate for the use of the Publick Lattin School, that y$^{e}$ Stock be not Exhausted Provided y$^{e}$ Town be advised w$^{th}$ before y$^{e}$ money be disposed of.

[**321.**] In the room of Barrat Dyer, Charles Morris Sam$^{ll}$ Marshall jun$^{r}$ and Edward Wade who have to Serve as Constables.

Mesu$^{rs}$ Samuel Moor, Christopher Kelbey, Joshua Hensha, Thomas Goold are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing.

m$^{r}$ John Bull haveing represented to the Town at this meeting, That he hath for Some years past been a great Sufferer, Relating to a piece of Flatts which of Right belongeth to him as he can make appear, which by the direction or order of the Select men, through a Misunderstanding long Since hath been Ellegally taken from him, and Kept out of his Possession to his great damage, and haveing lately layd this matter before the Select men, who informed him it is not in their power to grant him reliefe. He prays that the Town will be pleased to chose a Comittee to Inquire into the matter, and to make report thereof at the next Towns meeting, in order to the Obtaineing his just Right.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to Chuse a Committee as proposed by the S$^{d}$ John Bull in his S$^{d}$ Petition.

Voted. That Cap$^{t}$ Ephraim Savage, Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark and m$^{r}$ John Marion be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Upon reasons given by Christopher Kilbee.

Voted. That he be excused from Serveing as Constable for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Voted. an Adjourm$^{t}$ of this meeting untill three of y$^{e}$ Clock in the afernoon of this day, at w$^{ch}$ time they then againe Convened.

In the room of Christopher Kilbey who was excused, and Joshua Hencha & Thomas Goold who have refused to Serve.

Mesu$^{rs}$ John Comer, Samuel Adams Blockmak$^{r}$, John Roberts are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Voted. That a New Comittee be chosen by the Town, w$^{th}$ full power to purchace land convenient for the Enlargem$^{t}$ of the North burying place. And that m$^{r}$ Timothy Thornton Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Hutchinson and Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Pusuant to a Vote of the Town the 14$^{th}$ of March 1709/10 relateing to the Motion of Joseph Prout: And the return of the Comittee who were Appointed to Inspect and Consider the Same.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Joseph Prout be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, the Sume of Twenty five pounds, for Service by him done before the the 14$^{th}$ of March Last past agreeable to the report of S$^{d}$ Comittee under y$^{e}$ hands of Mesu$^{rs}$ Lynds, Fitch, Keeling and Lindall.

In the room of John Comer, Sam$^{ll}$ Adams, & John Roberts who have de Clared their Refusall to Serve as Const$^{ble}$ for y$^{e}$ ensueing year.

Richard Christophers, W$^{m}$ Brown Joyner & John Oliver are chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

[322.] A Memorial offered to the Town at this meeting by the Select men being as followeth viz$^{t}$

Whereas according to the Information of Some of the Learned, who have made Observation of the easie & pleasant Rules and Methodes used in Some Schools in Europe, where Scollars p'haps within the compass of one year, have attained to a Competent Proficency So as to be able to read, and discourse in Lattin and of themselves capable to make Considerable progress therein : And that according to the methodes used here Very many hundreds of boyes in this Town, who by their Parents were never designed for a more Liberal Education have Spent two, three, four years or more of their more Early dayes at the Lattin School, which hath proved of very Little, or no benefit as to their after Accomplishm$^{t}$.

It is therefore proposed to the Town that they would Recomend it to those Gentle$^{m}$ whom they shall chuse as Inspectors of the Schools, Together with y$^{e}$ ministers of the Town, To Consider whether in this Town (where the Free School is maintained cheifly by a Town Rate on the Inhabitants) That Supposeing the former more Tedious and burthensome methode may be thought the best for such as are designed for Schollars (which is by Some questioned). Yet for the Sake & benefitt of others who usually are the greater number by far in Such Schools, Whether it might not be adviseable that Some more easie and delightfull methodes be there attended and put in practice, And to Signifie to y$^{e}$ Town their thoughts therein, in order to the Encourageme$^{mt}$ of the Same.

Voted. That the Said Memorial be So recomended to the Inspectors of the School, and Ministers of the Town as is therein Set forth.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds to be Layd out in paveing the Streets, at Such places as y$^{e}$ Select men Shall thinck most Needfull.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to waite on the Sessions in Relation to the Presentments of the wayes & desire that the Same may be dismist for that the Town have granted £300 : twards y$^{e}$ paveing the wayes, & Shall proceed to mend them all in Course.

In the Roome of William Brown, Sam$^{ll}$ Bill, & Sam$^{ll}$ Greeliefe who have declared their Refusall to Serve as Consta$^{bls}$ for the Ensueing year.

Mesu$^{rs}$ Francis Righton, John Fosdick & Edard Weavor are Chosen to Serve as Consta$^{bls}$ for y$^{e}$ year ensueing.

[323.] Voted. A grant of one thousand pounds for the relife of the Poor, and for defraying the other Necessary Charges arriseing w$^{th}$in and for this Town.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds for defraying the Charge of the Watch for one year ensueing.

In y$^{e}$ room of Edward Weaver who hath refused to Serve as Const$^{a}$ for y$^{e}$ ensueing year Daniel Loreing is chosen to Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted That Paul Dudley Esq$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Lynd Esq$^{r}$, Coll$^{o}$ John

Ballentine, Capt Thomas Hutchinson & Deacon John Maryon are appointed a comittee to consider and prepare what they Shall think proper to be layd before the Town, Relating to a Projection of Severll Town orders, offered to consideration by Sundry Inhabitants of ye Town.

Voted. That it be left wth the Select men either to Lease out a peice of wharfe by the condit nigh the Mill-Bridg, for a term of years to Some person who will repaire & make up the Same, or other wise to Secure it at their discretion.

Voted. That the Bridg over the Creek in Ann Street, be made a Sufficient Fast Bridg for the future, for the better Security of Passengers, and the persons Obiged to build the Same be notified thereof by ye Select men.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitts of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned Accordingly to Law being Convened at the Town House the 9th of May 1711.

Collo Samll Checkly is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to Chuse four Representitives.

John Clark Esqr, Capt Thomas Hutchinson, Majr Thoms Fitch & Addington Davenport Esqr are Chosen to Serve as Representitives for this Town, according to a warrt from ye Shiriffe.

Soloman Kneeland is Chosen to Serve as Constable for ye year ensueing, and upon reasons by him given was by a Vote of ye Town, excused from Serveing for this year.

Ephraim Fenno is chosen to Serve as Constable for ye year ensueing, and upon reasons by him given was by a Vote of the Town Excused from Serveing for this year.

Ordered. That no Huckster or other person whatsoever dwelling or Resideing within this Town of Boston, Shall by themselves or others Buy, Contract or bargain for, any Sort of Provisions, of what nature or Kind soever, brought or bringing to Town for Sale, except for their own families use, untill three of the Clock after noon, on penalty of Forfeiting and paying the Sume of Twenty Shillings for every Transgression of this order.

[**324.**] Ordered. That no Wharfinger or any other person dwelling or Residing within this Town, Shall Suffer or permit any Sort of Fire-wood to be carted or any wayes carryed off their Wharfes or Lands except for their own use untill it hath been first measured or Corded by a Sworn Corder, or other wise veiwed by any other Officer or Officers, appointed by ye Sel: men for the time being, and found Measure, according to the direction of the Law in that case made and provided On penalty of Forfeiting and paying Twenty Shillings for every Transgression of this Order.

Voted. That the two fore ging orders be and coninue in Force for the year ensueing, untill the Inhabitants Shal hereafer by their Vote Repeal the Same or ether of them.

Voted. an Adjourment of this meeting untill thre of ye clock after noon. At wch time they againe wr Assembled.

The draught of a Deed in writing for the Sale of the Blue Hill Lands at Brantrey being presented by the Select men & distinctly Read to the Inhabitants at this meeting.

Voted. That it be thereon Endorsed in the words following viz$^{t}$.

(The within Written Indenture of Bargain and Sale made by the Select men, appointed and impowered by the Town a Comittee for that purpose, was presented & Publickly Read in a Generall Town Meeting, Orderly Assembled at the Town House in Boston, upon Lawfull warning the 9$^{th}$ day of May 1711. And the S$^{d}$ Deed was Voted by y$^{e}$ Freeholders and other Inhabitants duly qualified as the Law directs present at the S$^{d}$ Meeting, Approved & Confirmed by y$^{im}$ as well in the Grant as Warranty.)

Voted. That the Sume of Thirteen hundred pounds, part of the Purchase money for the Towns Land in Brantrey, Sold to Menassah Tucker &c, of Milton, by y$^{e}$ present Select men appointed and impowered a Comittee for that purpose, to be paid by Several payments into y$^{e}$ Town Treasury, according to the Tenor of the Conditions of Certain Bonds or writeings Obligatory by them passed to Joseph Prout Gent. present Town Treasu$^{r}$ or his Successor in that Office (Together with the Two hundred pounds already received towards the S$^{d}$ purchace) Be Invested and Layd out in Some Real Estate for the use of the Publick Lattin School, by the aforesaid Comittee of the present Select men, or any five of y$^{m}$, pursuant to the Towns Vote of the 13$^{th}$ of March past, or by Such other Comittee as the Town may hereafter raise and Substitute for that Service.

The aforesaid money when in the Treasury, to be drawn forth by order of the Comittee, and by them invested and Layd out [**325.**] As aforesaid, Provided the Town be Advised with before the disposal thereof, The Annual Rent and Incomes of Such Investiture to be imployed to and for the Support of the Publick Grammar School, the principall Stock not to be deminished.

Voted. That the Town will at this meeting, proceed to y$^{e}$ Considera$^{ti}$ of the Petition of Cap$^{t}$ Ephraim Savage &c. Requesting an abatement of the Conditions enjoyned on them in the Town Vote the 12$^{th}$ of March Last, ab$^{t}$ Laying out a New Street.

Voted. That it be left with the Selectmen to make Some reasonable abatement of the S$^{d}$ Petitioners Charge in paveing which was by the S$^{d}$ former Vote enjoyned on them, Provided they Lay open the S$^{d}$ way with$^{in}$ y$^{e}$ Space of Six moneths next.

Upon Reading the Report of the Comittee appointed to enquire after a Sutable Spot of Land for Enlarging the burying place at the North end of the Town viz$^{t}$.

That they had Treated w$^{th}$ the Hon$^{ble}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall Esq$^{r}$. To purchase part of his Land Adjoyning to the present Burying place, of the dementions express$^{d}$ in the S$^{d}$ Report for that use, at the Price of one hundred and Twenty pounds.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Report be accepted, And a proper Deed be made and Excuted for the S$^{d}$ Land, to be paid for within twelve moneths next comeing.

Voted. That the proposall made by the Hon$^{ble}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall

Esq$^{r}$ for Sale of a parcell of Land for Enlargeing y$^{e}$ North burying place, at the price of One hundred and Twenty pounds, to abate Seventy pounds of the Said purchase money, So that y$^{e}$ Town please to Release an Annual Quit claim of Forty Shillings. Issueing out of a Ceader Swamp in his possession, Scituate in Brooklyne, Appropriated to the use of the Grammar School Reported by the Comittee. Be accepted. And that the Said Quit Rent of Forty Shillings p' Annum be abated.

The afore said Sume of Seventy Pounds to be drawn out of of the Town Treasury, and Invested in Some Real Estate, or otherwise improved by the direction of y$^{e}$ Select men for the time being, The yearly Rent or Profit thereof to be appropriated to the use of the Free Grammar School, in liew of the afore said Quit Rent.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Selectmen to draw up & Offer to the Town Such proposalls as they Shall thinck proper, in order to an appropriation of the Townes Wharfe & Dock at Merryes point, y$^{e}$ Rent of Winisimit Ferry & the wharfe at y$^{e}$ end of Cross Street, For the Support of a Free School or Schols at the North end of the Town.

[**326.**] Voted. That it be left to the Select men to Sell the Townes Lands at Muddy River Alies Brooklyne, and that they have full power to make and Execute proper Deeds for the Same, Saveing and Reserveing to the Inhabitants of Brookline a proportion thereof according to their Rates to this Town.

Voted. That it is left to the Select men to grant, Sell & dispose of the Townes Land on each Side of the High way on the Neck from the place where the Fortification formerly Stood, as far as the halfe way Pond, either by Lease for term of years, or by Grant of the Fee thereof, as they Shall think best; In order to Secureing the High way there, (w$^{ch}$ is proposed to be left of a considerable breadth). Reserveing a Space of about One hundred yards in breadth, a cross from Sea to Sea, Sutable for a Fortification or any other use for the Service & benefit of the Town, Reserveing also a Space for a Cross High way next to the Land formerly Granted to Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes & Comp$^{a}$, and y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Select men are fully impowered to make and Execute proper Instruments or Deeds for y$^{e}$ Same.

Voted. That it be left to y$^{e}$ Sel: men to provide a Sutable number of halfe bushells, made conenient in order to prevent fraud in measure.

Voted. That it be left to the Selectmen to direct to Some proper methode ether by Cart or other wise to remove and Carry away the Dirt & Trash out of y$^{e}$ High wayes w$^{th}$ in y$^{e}$ Town.

Upon Reading the Petition of the persons who Served as Constables in the year 1710. Voted. That it be left with the Select men to make Such further abatements to the S$^{d}$ Constables as Shall be needfull.

Saveing that this vote be not a president for future Constable.

Voted. That the Gentlemen that Represent this Town in the G$^{t}$ & Gen$^{ll}$ Assembly be desired to move, That the Rule for apportioning the Town & County Assessments for Boston may be

according to the Rule of the Province Tax for the Preceeding year, that So the Collection of the Same may be more Early.

Thomas Wallise is Chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensueing in the Room of Daniell Loreing who in the moneth of March Last was Chosed to y^t^ Office, & hath refused to Serve.

M^r^ Anthony Stoddard is Chosen to Serve as Overseer of the Poor, for the year ensueing in the room and Staad of m^r^ Charles Chauncey deceaced.

Voted. That the Consideration of the Bridg in Anne Street *be deferred untill the Next Publick meeting of y^e^ Inhabit^s^.*

The Select men have Ordered that the Order, Or By Law agreed unto by y^e^ Inhabitan^ts^ as mentioned in page 310, and Since that finished So as to be put in practice be now here [**327.**] Recorded, and is as followeth viz^t^.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town-House the 13^th^ of March 1709/10.

Ordered, That the Select men of this Town for the time being do from time to time Appoint Sutable persons to be Chimny Sweepers, and to agree witn them for the Sweeping the Same, not exceeding the Rates hereafter mentioned viz^t^.

For each Chimny of five Storyes high eighteen pence, of four Storyes High fourteen pence, of three Storyes high ten pence, and of all other comon Chimnyes eight pence.

And if any person whomsoever who is not So appointed as aforesaid, Shall presume either by himselfe or Servant, to undertake the Sweeping of any Chimny in this Town, except Such Chimny or chimnyes w^ch^ are under his or their own improvement, Shall forfeit and pay the Sume of Twenty Shillings for every Such Offence.

And it is further Ordered that every person or persons So appointed by the Select men, to be under takers for Chimny Sweeping, Shall be free men, and they Accepting the Same, Shall be Obliged within forty eight hours after Notice given them, ether by themselves or some other person to be approved by the Select men duly to attend the Sweeping of Such Chimny, On penalty of forfeiting the Sume of ten Shillings for every Such Neglect.

And it is further Ordered. That upon Complaint made to any of the Select men, either by the Chimny Sweepers, or by any other of the Inhabitants of this Town against any person, or persons Neglecting to have their Chimneyes Swept being foule, that in every Such Case, the Select men or any two of them, are hereby impowered to Inspect & Veiw the Said Chimny or Chimnyes Complained against as aforesaid, and if they judg the Said Chimnyes or any of them unsafe, to make or keep fire therein by reason of their being foule, and want of Sweeping, and Signifie the Same to the person or persons, then in possession of y^e^ Tenement to which Such Chimny doth belong, That then and in every Such Case, the Occupier of every [**328.**] Such House or Tenement Shal forfeit and pay the Sume of five Shillings, for every day in which fire Shall be Kept in Such Chimny, untill the Same Shall be Sufficiently Swept.

And it is further Ordered, That if any Chimny Shall take Fire, and blaze out at the Top within fifteen dayes after its being Swept, through foulness or defect in Sweeping, That in every Such case the person who last Swept the Same, Shall Forfeit and pay the fine of ten Shilling, which by a former Law or Order was imposed on the Occupier of a House, in Case of Chimnyes takeing Fire.

And it is further Ordered, That the Select men are hereby impowered, to Appoint persons to Inspect, and Inform against the breach of these Orders, and to Allow them a Sutable Recompence for Such their Service.

The S$^{d}$ Orders w$^{r}$ Agreed to and Voted by the Inhabitants of the S$^{d}$ Town at their Meeting y$^{e}$ day & year afore mentioned.

Suffolke ss Anno R. Ra Annœ Magnœ Brittanœ Nono.

At an Adjournment of a Court of Gen$^{ll}$ Sessions of the Peace holden at Boston on the Last monday of Octo$^{r}$ Ann$^{o}$ Dom. 1710.

The foregoing Order or By-Law being presented to the Justices in Sessions, was Approved Of by them Attest$^{r}$

Anddington Davenport Cler Pac$^{s}$.

[329.] At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town House the 3$^{d}$ of August 1711.

Voted. That Sam$^{ll}$ Sewal Esq be y$^{e}$ Moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That a line of Defence be forthwith made, across the neck between Boston and Roxbury.

Voted. That a Convenient Number of Great Guns, as Shall be thought needfull by the Comittee that the Town Shall chuse, be planted in the S$^{d}$ line of Defence.

Voted. That a Comittee be chosen to manage the affaire of makeing the S$^{d}$ line of Defence, and that the S$^{d}$ Comittee Consist of five in Number.

Voted. That Coll$^{o}$ Gyles Dyer, Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark, Mesu$^{es}$ Richard Draper, Joseph Wadsworth & Joshua Gee be the Said Comittee.

Voted. A grant of one thousand pounds for defraying the charge of makeing the S$^{d}$ line of Defence, to be improved for that and no other use, and to be drawn out of the Treasury by the S$^{d}$ Committee.

Voted. That the Treasu$^{r}$ be desired, upon the Credit of the afores$^{d}$ grant of one thousand pounds, to borrow money of the Inhabittants, for a present Supply for y$^{e}$ Speedy Carrying on of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ worke.

Voted. That the aforesaid Committee w$^{th}$ the Select men be desired to waite on his Excel$^{cy}$ the Gov$^{r}$, for his countenance and Authority, to begin and Carry on the Said worke.

Voted. That the Field Officers of the Melitia in this Town, be desired to Consider of what is farthar wanting for the Defence of the S$^{d}$ Town, and to waite on his Exc$^{cy}$ the Gov$^{r}$, desireing his direction for what is needfull.

Voted. That Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Tho$^{s}$ Hutchinson, Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn, Mesu$^{es}$ William Payn, & John Ruck, or any three

of them Attending that Service be a Comitte to Audit the Treasurers Accounts for this present year.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabi$^{tts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Town-House the 27$^{th}$ day of August 1711.

Voted. That Deac̄ John Marion be y$^{e}$ Moderat$^{r}$ of this meeting.

The qustion being proposed? Whther the Town will purchace Land of the Proprietors of the New Settlements on the Neck, for Erecting a line of Defence there. Voted in the Negative.

Voted. That the Town will make an Addition of two in Numb$^{r}$ to the Committe appointed at the Last meeting, to make the Line of Defence on y$^{e}$ Neck.

Voted That Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ & Thomas Brattle Esq$^{r}$ be the persons Chosen to that Servce.

[**330.**] And whereas Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark who was before Chosen to be One of the S$^{d}$ Comittee, declares that he cannot attend the Same, for as much as he must Attend the worke of an Assessor. Voted that m$^{r}$. William Antram be joyned w$^{th}$ the S$^{d}$ Committee in the Room of Cap$^{t}$ Clark.

Voted. That the Said Comittee be desired to Consider of what they Shall think proper to Lay before the Town Relating to the S$^{d}$ line of Defence and to make an Estemate of the Charge there of, and to Lay the Same before the Town at their meeting on Fryday the 31$^{st}$ of August Curr$^{t}$.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting to Fryday the thirty first of August Cur$^{t}$ at nine of the Clock in the fore noon.

August y$^{e}$ 31$^{th}$ the Inhabit$^{ts}$ being Assembled According to their Adjournment.

Voted. That the line of Defence be forthwith made within or About Two hundred feet to the South ward of m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Phillips his Land on y$^{e}$ Neck.

Voted. That the Comittee forthwith proceed on the affaire above mentioned and to build y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ line as they have already proposed Viz$^{t}$. To face the Same with Stone from the bottom of the Ditch to y$^{e}$ highth of the Rampart, and the Parapet to be of Sodworke.

Ordered. That it be an Instruction to y$^{e}$ Comittee for the lne of Fortification &c to Enquire into and recover the Stones of the Town$^{s}$, that have been taken away from off the Neck and Flatts, and that the persons who took them away be Obliged to return them to the place from whence they took them or be Obliged to pay and Satisfy the Charge of bringing them back againe to their proper place.

Voted. That the Select men, when and So often as they are Informed that it is, or likely to be a time of Great Scarcity of Graine or other provisions that they Address the Gov$^{t}$ and Councill to p'vent the Exportation thereof, or provide Such other remedy as Shall be thought proper & effectuall that So the Town may be Supplyed.

Ordered. by the Select Men for the year 1711. That the following Transactions of the Perambulators be here Recorded, and is as followeth Viz$^{t}$.

Be it Known unto all whom these presents do or may Concern, That in pursuance of the Law Intituled an Act for Regulating of Town ships &c wherein is directed, That the Bounds Between Town & Town [**331.**] be ran Once in three years. Upon the Eighteenth day of April Anno Domm$^{i}$ 1711. At the Sign of the Lamb in Rumny Marsh Addington Davenport and Edward Hutchinson Two of the Select men of the Town of Boston being Accompanied by Elisha Tuttle, John Brentnal, Thomas Berry, and Edward Tuttle all Inhabitants within the Township of Boston aforesaid, did meet with Mess$^{es}$ Edward Baker, Thomas Cheever and Ebenezar Belcher, a Comittee in behalfe of the Town of Lynn, And haveing Shewed to each other their Respective Orders for Running the Bounds betwixt the Said Towns of Boston and Lynn they proceeded to the Said worke, and began at Bride Brook where it runs across the Road and from thens went on a N N W course neerist by the Compass to an heap of Stones on a Rock in Widd$^{o}$ Edmunds$^{s}$ Land, From thence to the Stump of an Old Walnut Tree on the West Side of a Little hill where was an heap of Stones to which more were Added. From thence to a Small Black Oak in Mariams Land marked B L and an heap of Stones Round it, From thence to an Oak Tree Standing on Sarah Pauls Land, being Marked B L and an heap of Stones, Round it; From thence to a Crotcht Tree in William Boardmans Land Marked B L with Stones round it, at this Tree by a Pocket compass it was found that the line Runs across the River, and So through the Stack of Chimnyes in the Now Dwelling-House of the House of the Said Bordman, From the S$^{d}$ Tree Across the River to the Body of a Walnut Tree now Dead Marked XX/ | | | with an heap of Stones Round it From thence to a Large Old Oak on the South Side of an Hill Marked X X | | | | and B L and an heap of Stones Round it, From thence to a Walnut Tree marked B L with a heap of Stones About it, From thence to an heap of Stones on a Rock, Then to an heap of Stones on the Brow of an hill, There were three or four more Trees well marked with B L and heaps of Stones round them, between the before mentioned Heap of Stones and the large decayed White Oak which is Marked B L and Surrunded with an heap of Stones, ab$^{t}$ four Rodd & an halfe from the S$^{d}$ Tree, and on the line first Mentioned is the Great heap of Stones Called the Three County heap, to w$^{ch}$ a Considerable Addition was now made, That being the Boundary between the Townes of Boston, Lynn and Reading. It was this day Aso Agreed to, between the S$^{d}$ Select men of Boston and the Comittee of Lynn, That Bride-Brook on the Easterly Side of the Road as it has alwayes been Esteemed, Should be the Stated bounds between the Said Townes untill it Runns into the Salt water Creek, In Testimony of What was now done, the Said Select men and Comittee have here unto Subscribed their names. Addington Davenport Edward Hutchinson, Edward Baker, Thomas Cheever, Ebenezar Belcher.

[**332.**] Bound Markes in the line between Boston and Malden taken the 18$^{th}$ of April 1711 by order of the Select men of both Townes Viz$^{t}$.

1. A large Stump of a Tree marked B C M Standing on the West Side of a Wal that parts the Land of Prat and Sergeant, formerly called a Black Oak Tree.

2. A white Oak B M at the Northerly Angle of Irelands feild the fence being Morticed into S$^{d}$ tree on two Sides.

3. A heap of Stones in Low Stony Land in the Same line.

4. A Stake and heap of Stones in the County Road and a Smal white Oak, the w$^{ch}$ Stands East Southerly about eigh foot out of the line.

5. A young white Oak with in the fence of Simon Grover$^{s}$ Land by the County Road.

6. A Stump with a heap of Stones on the Sout side of of the Top of a hill of Rocks beyond the Bridge at the end of Coll$^{o}$ Paige$^{s}$ farm formerly called a Large Pine Tree.

7. A walnut Stump with Stones formerly Called a Walnutt Tree.

8. A heap of Stones.

9. A Black Oak Marked B M.

10. A young black Oak in a fence B M.

11. A large White Oak in a fence B M.

12. A Walnut in a fence B M.

13. A Walnut in a fence B M.

14. A black Oak on a hill Marked B M.

15. A heap of Stones on the Side of a hill.

16. A heap of Stones on a flat Rock on a Hill.

17. A heap of Stones Rownd a Rotten Stump.

18. A heap of Stones on the Top of a Rock y$^{t}$ has a hole in y$^{e}$ Side of it.

19. A Walnut Tree marked B M and a heap of Stones round it.

20. A black burch on the Side of a Swamp & Stones B M.

21. An Elm a little distance of the Side of the Same Swamp marked B M.

22. A heap of Stones the Stump Rotten and not Viseble.

23. A white Oke B M & Stones on y$^{e}$ No$^{ly}$ Side of Long Pond.

24. An Old Stump & heap of Stones.

25. A White Stump on y$^{e}$ Corner of a fence B M.

26. A heap of Stones between a Stump and a black Oak on a Little hill.

27. A pine Stump & heap of Stones.

28. A heap of Stones Ab$^{t}$. an Old Stump neer a young Red Oke marked B M.

29. A Stump with Stones neer the Foundation of an Old Chimny.

30. A White Oak and heap of Stones B M.

31. A heap of Stones on a Rock on a hill.

32. An Old burnt Red Oak B M & heap of Stones.

[**333.**] 33. A young black Oak on a hill w$^{th}$ a heap of Stones B M.

34. A maple on y$^{e}$ Corner of a fence in Uphams Land.

35. A heap of Stones round a tree on y$^{e}$ other Side of Uphams Land.

36. A heap of Stones round the root of an Old Tree.

37. A heap of Stones on the North side of a hill to the Southward of Waltons field and is the butting against Reading line.

Memorandum It is judged Advisable that a Surveyor be had to run y^e line before mentioned, from the first to the Sixth Bound marke, to increase the number of Bound markes, in regard that as now they be, they are at too great a distance one from the other.

The names of the persons that run the aforesaid line the 18^th of Aprill 1711 are as followeth viz^t.

Thomas Cushing, Oliver Noyes, Joseph Wadsworth Select men, John Floyd, Will^m Hasie Sam^ll Breeden Inhabit^ts of Rumny Marsh for Boston.

Samuel Buckman a Select man, Lemuell Jenkins, Sam^ll Sprague, Joseph Lampson, for Malden

Certified by JOHN GREENLAND T. Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and warned according to Law, being convened at the Rev^d M^r. Colmans Meeting-House the 16^th day of November 1711.

M^r. John White is chosen to be y^e Moderator for this meeting.

John Flag is chosen to Serve as Constable in the room of Sam^ll Moor who was before Chosen to that Office and Since that is gone out of this Town.

Voted. An Acceptance of the Select mens Sale of the Townes Lands at Brooklyne according to the Deed of Sale thereof made and Executed by them being now read, and Ordered that it be thereon Endorsed in the words following Viz^t.

The before written Indenture of Bargaine and Sale made by y^e Select men, in pursuance of a Vote of the Town the Ninth of May Last past, was presented and Publickly read in a General Town Meeting orderly Assembled in Boston upon Lawfull warning the 16^th day of November 1711. And the Said Deed was Voted by the Free holders and other Inhabitants duly qualified as the Law directs present at the Said meeting, approved and Confirmed by them, as well in the grant as Warranty; And further the Above mentioned Vote of the Ninth of May relating to Brooklyns proportion, was Explained to extend only their proportion of the money that the Land Should be Sold for.

Voted. A Concurrence with the proposalls made by the Gen^ll Assembly Ab^t building a House in or neer the place where the Old Town House Stood, for the uses there in Mentioned with an Addition of these words (and all other Town affaires) as part of the uses there of.

Voted That Thomas Brattle Esq^r, and m^r. William Payn be the persons nomintated & Chosen by this Town to joyn w^th the Comittee Raised by the Gen^ll Court to manage that affair.

[334.] At a Meeting, of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Warned According to Law, being Convened at the Rev^d m^r. Colmans Meeting-House in Boston Aforesaid, on Monday the 10^th day of March 1711--12.

Voted. That Deacon John Marrion be the Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That Assessors be chosen distinct from the Select-men.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the Choyce of Seven Select men.

Mesu$^{es}$ Isaiah Tay, Joseph Wadsworth, Thomas Cushing, Daniel Oliver, Edward Hutchinson, Richard Draper are chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensuing.

In the Roome of one Sel man not br$^{t}$ in at the first Choyce and m$^{r}$. Thomas Cushing who declared his refusall.

Mesu$^{es}$ Francis Clark & Samuel Marshall are Chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensuing.

M$^{r}$. Rich$^{d}$ Draper declareing his refusall to Serve as Sel man.

Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop is chosen to Serve in his Room.

Voted An Adjourment of this meeting untill three of the Clock this day after noon. at w$^{ch}$ time accordingly they did againe assemble at the Same place.

Voted. That Joseph Belcher be the Constable for the District of Rumny Marsh for the year Ensuing.

Voted. That John Floyd & Thom$^{s}$ Prat be y$^{e}$ Fence Veiwers for the Same.

Voted. That Elisha Tuttle and Hugh Floyd be the Tything men for the S$^{d}$ district of Rumny Marsh for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Voted. That Deacon John Marion, Silence Allem, Will$^{m}$ Jepson, and William Clear, be y$^{e}$ Sealors of Leather for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Voted. That Samuel Bridg, Peter Wyer, Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Barnard, & John Eustice be the Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year Ensuing.

Voted. That Andrew Cunningham, Job Ingram, Rich$^{d}$ Hunewel and Josue Marriner be y$^{e}$ Hogreeves for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Voted. That Coll$^{o}$ John Ballentyn, Mesu$^{es}$ Stephen Minot, Benj$^{a}$ Emmons, James Lablond, Henry Bridgham, Thom$^{s}$ Smith, Adina Bulfinch, & William Shepreeve be the Scavingers for the year ensuing.

Voted. That Mesu$^{es}$ Francis Thrasher, John Bennet, William Shepreeve & Joseph Malam be y$^{e}$ Weighers of Hay for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Voted. That Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Bridg, James Gooch, Allex$^{r}$ Seers, Jabez Negus, & Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Barnerd be the Veiwers of Shingle & Measurers of Boards &c. for the ensuing year.

Voted. That Collectors be chosen, to Collect the Rates for this year and that those who Shall undertake that Service, Shall give Security for the Sumes to them Committed.

Voted. That two Collectors be Chosen.

[335.] Voted. That three pence on the pound be allowed to the Collectors for Collecting the Rates.

Voted. That it be left to the Select men and Assessors for the ensuing year, to agree w$^{th}$ Collectors according to the aforesaid votes.

Voted. That Samuell Barrat, James Tileston, Ezekiel Walker, Henry Bridgham, Caleb Lyman, Samuel Banister, John Staniford

and John Green Cooper are chosen to Serve as Constables for the Ensuing year.

note that the first five above named being present took the Constables oath at the Same meeting.

Voted. That the Select men for the year ensuing be also the Surveyors of the High wayes.

Voted. That one of the Assessors be chosen out of y^e^ Inhabit^ts^ of Rumny Marsh

Voted. That the Town will chuse Seven Assessors.

Mesu^es^ Daniel Powning, Jonas Clark, Cap^t^ Elisha Bennet, *Timothy Thornton*, Anthony Stoddard, Cap^t^ Edward Martyn & Henry Bidgham Tanner are Chosen to Serve as Assessors for the year ensuing.

Voted. That Ephraim Fenno, Samuell Haugh, John Hunt, Shopk^r^ James Thornbery & Benj^a^ Emmons be the Clarks of the market for the year ensuing.

Voted. That Samuel Burnell Sen^r^, James Grant, Thomas Godfrey, Joshua Gee Sen^r^, Jonath^n^ Waldo, Benjamen Walker Sen^r^, Joseph Briscow, Thomas Salter, John Langdon Sen^r^, Rob^t^ Howard, Francis Burroughs, Nicholas Bowes, Israel Walker, Sam^ll^ Marshall jun^r^, Joseph Hubbert, John Edwards Goldsmith be the Tything men for the year ensuing.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting untill tomorrow the 11th of March Cur^t^ at nine of the Clock in the forenoon.

At w^ch^ time the S^d^ Inhabit^ts^ being Accordinly Assembled they proceeded as followeth viz^t^.

In the room of Coll^o^ Adam Winthrop & m^r^ Sam^ll^ Marshall who have declared their refusall to Serve as Select men for the ensuing year.

Paul Dudley Esq^r^ & Coll^o^ Thomas Savage are Chosen to Serve as Select men for y^e^ year ensuing.

Edward Bromfield Esq^r^, Mesu^es^ John Ruck, Grove Hirst, Cap^t^ Habijah Savage, Timothy Lyndall, Cap^t^ Edw^d^ Winslow & John Frizzell are Chosen to Serve as Overseers of y^e^ Poor.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Clerk. } for y^e^ ensu-
Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Treasu^r^ } ing year.

Votes for County Treasu^r^ w^r^ given in & deliver^d^ to Consta Bridgham.

Voted. An Allowance of Thirty pounds unto Jos: Prout for his Last two year Service as Town Treasu^r^.

[336.] Voted. That the Assessors for the year 1711 are Impowered according to their discretion to make reasonable abatem^ts^ of the Rates in that year, provided the Same be done within three moneths next following.

Voted. That to prevent future Inconveniency Arriseing by Abatem^t^ of Rates That no Abatem^t^ of Rates Shall be made by the Assessors after a New choyce of Assessors be made.

In answere to the Petition of Several persons who Suffered Loss at the Late Fire.

Voted. That the Assessors for the year 1711 are Impowered to make Such Abatements of the Town Rates to those who were Sufferers by the Late Fire as they in their discretion Shall See meet.

Voted. Thanks to Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson for as much as he hath Offered at his own Charge to build a School House at the North end of y$^{e}$ Town.

Voted. That there be a Free Grammar School at the North end of this Town.

Voted. That a Comittee be Chosen to Enquire after a Peice of Land at the North Sutable to Sett a School House on, and to prepare for and Oversee the building therof.

Voted. The Select men be desired to Consider of a proper person for a School master there, and to Treat about Terms.

Voted. That Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Hutchinson, Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop, m$^{r}$ John Ruck, Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn and m$^{r}$ Samuell Greenwood or any three of them be the Said Committee relating to the afore said School House.

Voted. That the Select men for the year 1711 who are Appointed as A Comittee to Lay out the fifteen hundred pounds of the Townes Money, being the Produce of the Blue-Hill Lands, in Some Real Estate; be impowered with the Advice of the Selectmen for the time being, to Vest the S$^{d}$ 1500$^{lb}$ or any part of it in Some Real Estate without farther Adviseing with the Town.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting untill two of the Clock this day after noon & Accordingly were then Assembled.

Voted. That the Townes Wharfe, Dock and Flatts at the North Battree, be Appropriated towards the Support of the Free Grammar School at the North end of Boston, And that the improvement of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Wharfe, Dock and Flatts be recommended to the Select men and the Committee afore Appointed referring to the S$^{d}$ School.

[**337.**] Voted. The Sume of one hundred ninety two pounds eight Shill & Six pence money recd for the Land at Brooklyn Sold to John Winchester and Comp$^{a}$ be paid in to and lodged in M$^{r}$. Daniel Olivers hand as he is Treasu$^{r}$ to the united Committee for the Town and proprietors. And the money be Applyed to the Same use that the five hundred pounds for the Land at Brantree is Appropriated to.

Voted. That the Select men for the time being are impower$^{d}$ to Lett out the Land w$^{ch}$ Lately was John Mathews$^{s}$ in School Street, for a Term of years as they can agree to the advantage of the Town.

Voted. That a Comittee be chosen to Consider of what Shall be needfull to be done for Securing the Highway on the Neck and to compute the Charge w$^{ch}$ the Same is likely to be, and make report thereof at the next meeting.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ Stephen Minot, m$^{r}$ William Payn merc$^{t}$ & Coll$^{o}$ John Ballentine be the S$^{d}$ Comittee for that Service.

Agreed That the Consideration of Selling the Small Quit Rents be continued.

Voted. That Sutable places to Lodg powder for the blowing up of Houses be left to the discretion of y$^{e}$ Sel: men to provide.

Voted. That the Veiwers of wood within the Town of Boston be Allowed one peny p' Cord for So much wood as they Shall Veiw, and the Said peny p Cord to be paid by the buyer.

Voted. That the Sel: men of the Town of Boston be impowered & Ordered, with all Convenient Speed, to make the Draw bridge (So called) a Fast Firm Bridge the width of the Street, And in case Cap$^{t}$ Ballentine or any other person, Sue or bring an Action in the Law, the Select men for the time being are hereby impowered and Ordered to defend all Such Actions, and that the Charge of makeing the S$^{d}$ Bridge and Defending it in the Law be defrayed by y$^{e}$ Town.

And that a Comittee be Appointed to Examine the Right or pre ention of any perticular person or persons, as to y$^{e}$ Said Bridge, and the just damage that any perticular person or Proprietor may Sustaine by reason of the Said Bridge being made a Fast Bridge, and Report it to the Town, that So due recopence & Satisfaction may be made to Such persons by the S$^{d}$ Town. Voted. That the Town will Chuse five persons to be of the S$^{d}$ Comittee. Voted. that John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson, Maj$^{r}$ Thom$^{s}$ Fitch, m$^{r}$ Grove Hirst & Cap$^{t}$ Edw$^{d}$ Martyn be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ Watts$^{s}$ proposall ab$^{t}$ recovering the Marsh at the bottom of the Comon be left to y$^{e}$ Sel men to Consider & make report at y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. A grant of three Thousand pounds to be raised on the Inhabit$^{ts}$ & Estates in this Town, and to be Applyed to the uses mentioned in the Computation Offered by y$^{e}$ Treasu$^{r}$ & now Read.

Voted. A grant of three hundred pounds to be raised for the Support of the Watch for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

[**338.**] At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified & warned according to Law, being Convened at the South Meeting-House in Boston the 14th day of May 1712.

Isaac Addington Esq$^{r}$ is chosen y$^{e}$ Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Town will proceed to chuse four Representitives.

John Clarke Esq$^{r}$, Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Maj$^{r}$ Thom$^{s}$ Fith and Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Hutchinson are by y$^{e}$ Majority of Voters present at this Meeting Chosen to Serve as the Representitives of This Town according to a warr$^{t}$ from the Sheriff of the County of Suffolke.

Whereas the Comittee Appointed the 11th of March Last to Consider Ab$^{t}$ Securing the Higway on the neck have now made Report to the Town. That that part of the neck neer the Long Causway they have Computed the Charge, and are of Opinion that the best way to repair and Secure it is by Laying down a Narrow Wharfe on the West$^{ly}$ Side, the whole Length of the Causway which is Thirty-Six Rodd, and haveing by direction of the Select men made an Experim$^{t}$ of the Charge by Laying down about two Rodd & an halfe, they Compute the whole will Amount to about one hundred and ten pounds.

Voted. an Acceptance of the above Report, and that the Town will Support the Charge of Such a Wharfe to be there made, in order to Secure the Highway. And that the aforesaid Comittee are Desired to take the Care of Effecting the Same.

Whereas the Comittee appointed the 11th of March Last to

enquire after a piece of Land at the North end of this Town Sutable to Sett a School House on. Have now Signified to this meeting that they have made Dilligent Enquiry in that matter, and have at length pitched on a peice of Land belonging to m$^{rs}$ Susanna Love of ab$^{t}$ fifty one foot in breadth & ab$^{t}$ one hundred feet in length abutting one end thereof. On Bennet Street, and the other end on Love Street, and that the Same may be purchased for Ab$^{t}$ one hundred fifty three pounds, that Land being more then enough for the Setting a School-house on the w$^{ch}$ they Recommend to the Town as the most Sutable place w$^{ch}$ they Can procure for that use.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Comittee be impowered to purchace the afore said parcell of Land, to be paid for out of the Town Treasury: And that the Select men to gether with the Said Comittee be impowered to Allot So much of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Land for the S$^{d}$ School House as they shall judg meet and Convenient.

[**339.**] At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of y$^{e}$ Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned According to Law, being Convened at the South Meeting House in Boston the 9th of March 1712/13.

Voted. That Paul Dudley Esq$^{r}$ be the Moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Assessors distinct from y$^{e}$ Sel men.

Voted. That the Town will choose Seven Select men.

Voted. That Paul Dudley Esq$^{r}$, Mesu$^{es}$ John George, Joseph Wadsworth, Edward Hutchinson, Francis Clark, John Ruck, John Colman be y$^{e}$ Sel: men of this Town for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That Joseph Prout be the Town Clerk for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That Joseph Prout be y$^{e}$ Town Treasu$^{r}$ for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Sel men be impowered to Sink So many of y$^{e}$ bad debts now Standing in the Townes Acco$^{ts}$ as they Shall Se meet.

Voted. That Collectors be chosen to Collect the Rates and Taxes for the ensuing year, at Least two in Number. Such as the Select men Shall Nominate and Appoint, and that Shall undertake that Service, giveing good Security to pay in such Sumes as Shall be Committed to them, and y$^{t}$ three pence on the pound be allowed to y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Collectors for that Service.

Voted. That Mesu$^{es}$ John Charnock fined, John Walker fined, Sworn Ephraim Fenno, Sworn Daniel Goff, Sworn Sam$^{ll}$ Rand, Sworn Rob$^{t}$ Guttridge, jun$^{r}$, Sworn John Hunt, Sworn Allex$^{r}$ Seers Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. an Adjournm$^{t}$ of this Meeting to three of y$^{e}$ Clock (this day) after noon. And being againe then Assembled.

Voted. Officers for y$^{e}$ District of Rumny Marsh, viz$^{t}$.

Joseph Belcher to Serve as Constable.

Edward Tuttle to Serve as Tything man.

John Brentnell & John Center to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

All for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select men for y$^{e}$ year ensuing be also Surveyors of the Highwayes.

M$^{r}$ John Charnock haveing pd his fine for not Serving Constable, in his room was

Voted. That John Broccus do Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensueing, & he refuseth.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to Chuse Seven Assessors.

Voted. That mesu$^{es}$ *Tim$^{o}$ Thornton*, Daniel Powning, Anthony Stoddard, Cap$^{t}$ Edw$^{d}$ Martyn, Henry Bridgham, Jonas Clark & Cap$^{t}$ Elisha Bennet be the Assessors of the Rates & Taxes on y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ of this Town for y$^{e}$ year Ensuing.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Assessors for y$^{e}$ year 1712 be impowered to make Such further abatements of y$^{e}$ Rates in that year as they Shall think Just & reasonable provided y$^{e}$ Same be done within three moneths next following.

[**340.**] Voted. That Edward Bromfield, Esq$^{r}$ Mesu$^{es}$ Grove Hirst, Habijah Savage, Timothy Lyndall, Edward Winslow, John Frizzel and William Welsteed be the Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Committee formerly Appointed Viz$^{t}$.

Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Mesu$^{es}$ Isaiah Tay, Daniel Oliver, Thomas Cushing, Oliver Noyes, Joseph Wadsworth and Edward Hutchinson, together w$^{th}$ the Select men for the time being, are Impowered to Lett at Intrest the fifteen hundred pounds being the produce of y$^{e}$ Blue-Hill Lands, or any part thereof upon good Security, untill they have Opportunity to Lay out the Same in Some Real Estate.

Voted. That it be Left with the Select men, and they are Impowered to Introduce m$^{r}$ Recompence Wadsworth as a Schoolmaster at the North, And to allow him Sixty pounds for one year.

Whereas the Select men have proposed to y$^{e}$ Town to Raise a Comittee to Consider of Some Expedient for the more Effectuall preventing of Poor belonging to Other places, from Obtruding themselves on this Town.

And whereas m$^{r}$ John George hath proposed to y$^{e}$ Consideration of the Town Whether the Alms House ought not to be restored to its Primitive & Pious design, even for y$^{e}$ reliefe of the necessitous, that they might Lead a quiet Peacable & Godly life there, whereas 'tis now made a Bridewell & House of Correction, w$^{ch}$ Obstructs many Honest Poor Peoples going there for the designed Reliefe & Support. If therefore the Town would Lay out Some moneys, to the building a House of Correction in Some Other place, and re-fitt the Alms House for the Comfortable reception of the distressed it will be a great Act of Charity.

Voted. That the two foregoing proposals be referred to the Consideration of Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Mesu$^{es}$ John George, Oliver Noyes, John Marion, & William Payn, who are appointed as a Comittee to Consider thereof, and to make Report to y$^{e}$ Town of what they Shall think proper to be done relating there to.

Publick Notice was given to the Inhabit$^{ts}$ now Assembled, by the Moderator with the Advise of y$^{e}$ Select men, that the sever$^{ll}$

Inhabi$^{tts}$ are with all Convenient Speed to provide themselves with Ladders and Tubbs of water as mentioned in the Town order or By-Law otherwise they may expect to be prosecuted for the penalty of the breach of the s$^{d}$ By Law.

Voted. That the Consideration of what is proper for the Town to do Ab$^{t}$ a Light-Hous, be referred to the Select men and Comittee afore appointed to Improve the fifteen hundred pounds, and to make report to y$^{e}$ Town of what they Shall think advisable threin.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to Veiw the House & ground on Fort Hill or Else where, at the Request of y$^{e}$ Gentlemen that are about to Erect a Charity School, or Hospitall for Poor Children [**341.**] And that they Lay out what ground may be thought Convenient for the S$^{d}$ Intention, and make Report at the Next Gen$^{ll}$ Town meeting for the Townes confirmation of the Same, to be continued and Appropriated for that use So long as Such School Shall be upheld there.

Voted. That it be Left with the Select men to receive proposalls, and to Treat with persons about Erecting a Dam and Mills next to Dorchester Neck, and to make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they shall think proper relating thereto.

Voted. That a Comittee Shall be raised to Inspect the Free writing Schools which are Supported at the Townes Charge, And Also to Treat w$^{th}$ Mesu$^{es}$ Hutchinsons relating to what they have proposed towards y$^{e}$ Encouragem$^{t}$ of a writing School at the North, and to make report to y$^{e}$ Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper relating thereto.

Voted. That John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop & Major Thomas Fitch be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted That it be left to the Sel: men to appoint Veiwers of Cord-wood and that a peny p Cord be allowed them to be paid by y$^{e}$ buyer as was voted the last year.

Voted. A grant of one Thousand pounds to be raysed, and applyed towards y$^{e}$ Finishing y$^{e}$ Line of Defence on the neck.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting untill tomorrow being the tenth of march Cur$^{t}$ at nine of y$^{e}$ clock in y$^{e}$ fore noon.

At w$^{ch}$ time the Inhabit$^{s}$ were then againe assembled.

Justice Dudley y$^{e}$ former Moderater being absent upon Publick business Coll$^{o}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Checkley is chosen Moderater for this meeting.

Voted. That the Town will re-assume the Consideration of their former Vote Relating to a grant of a Thousand pound for y$^{e}$ Line of Defence on y$^{e}$ neck.

Voted. That the aforementioned grant of One thousand pounds towards finishing the S$^{d}$ Line of Defence be Confirmed.

Voted. A grant of Two hundred pounds to be raised, and Layd out for paveing in the High ways, in Such places as is most needfull at y$^{e}$ discretion of the select men.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds to be raised and applyed for y$^{e}$ support of the Watch for one year ensuing.

Voted. A grand of Three thousand two hundred and Thirty pounds to be raised, and Applyed to y$^{e}$ uses mentioned in the Computation reported by y$^{e}$ Treasurer at this meeting.

Whereas Paul Dudley Esq$^{r}$ hath Sinified his refusall to Serve as Sel: man.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ William Payn Serve as Sel: man for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Whereas Mesu$^{es}$ John Walker & John Broccus have refused to Serve as Constables.

Mesu$^{es}$ Anthony Blunt & John Jackson are Chosen to Serve Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Votes w$^{re}$ given in for a County Treasu$^{r}$ & delivered to y$^{e}$ Constable.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Marion, John Atwood, Savill Simson and Silence Allen are Chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Bridg, Peter Wear, Thom$^{s}$ Barnerd, and John Eustice are chosen to serve as Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Sam$^{ll}$ Kenny, Seth Dwight, William Marshall & David Norton are chosen to Serve as Hogreeves for y$^{e}$ year Esuing.

[**342.**] Voted. That Coll$^{o}$ John Ballentine, Cap$^{t}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Oliver, Cap$^{t}$ James Pitts, Mesu$^{es}$ Stephen Minot, Sam$^{ll}$ Wentworth, Will$^{m}$ Shepreeve, Eneas Salter and Benjamen Emmons, do Serve as Scavingers for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to draw up what they Shall think proper to be voted ab$^{t}$ the Office & power of Scavingers and to make report thereof at y$^{e}$ next Town meeting.

Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Bridge, James Gooch, John Barnerd, Cap$^{t}$ David Mason and Cap$^{t}$ James Pitts are Chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Shingle & measurers of Board plank & Timber for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select men be the Surveyors of y$^{e}$ High wayes for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That Mesu$^{es}$ Edward Okes, Soloman Townsend, Sam$^{ll}$ Plumer, Robert Butcher, Samuel Gardener & Joseph Webb do Serve as Clarks of the market for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That Nathaniel Aires, Edward Proctor, Samuel Turel, Samson Dewer, Epaphras Shrimpton, Joseph Malam, Isaac Marion, John Barrel, John Baker, John Pym, Joseph Dowding, John Pitts, Jusue Marriner, Benj$^{a}$ Bird, Samuel Haugh, Joshua Hensha, do Serve as Tything men for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Hon$^{ble}$ Wait Winthrop Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$, Isaac Addington Esq$^{r}$ & Thom$^{s}$ Brattle Esq$^{r}$ are desired to be the Inspectors of y$^{e}$ Gammar Schools for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select men be desired at as moderate a Charge as they Can to procure money to Supply the Treasury, Sufficient to Discharge the debts of y$^{e}$ Last year, and to defray y$^{e}$ growing charge of the Town, untill a Sufficiency of the Town Rates now granted, are Collected and paid in.

Voted. a grant of fifteen pounds unto Joseph Prout for his Service the Last year as Treasurer, being y$^{e}$ Sume Usually allowed.

Voted. That Thom$^{s}$ Brattle Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Hutchinson, Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn, Mesu$^{es}$ John Mico & William Harrise, or

any three of them be a Comittee to Audit the Treasur$^{rs}$ acco$^{ts}$ for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

And whereas the S$^{d}$ Treasurer hath Signified to y$^{e}$ Town that the business of the Treasury of this Town for three years Last past, hath by far exceeded what it was formerly when the Sume of fifteen pounds p annum for y$^{e}$ Service thereof was first allowed and that he thinks it reasonable that the Town Should grant him some further recompence for his S$^{d}$ Service, over and above the fifteen pounds for each of those years already granted.

Voted. That the aforenamed Gentlemen who are appointed to Audit his acco$^{ts}$ for the year ensuing, be desired to consider of the S$^{d}$ Treasurers Motion, and make report to y$^{e}$ Town of what they Shall think reasonable relating thereto, at their next meeting for choyce of Representitives.

[**343.**] At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabi$^{tts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-House the 13$^{th}$ of May.

Voted. That Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$ be y$^{e}$ Moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Town will proceed to chuse four Representitives.

John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Hutchinson & Major Thomas Fitch by the majority of Voters present at this meeting, are chosen to Serve as Representitives of this Town at the next Gen$^{ll}$ Court of Election and during their Session and Sessions, as Exprest in y$^{e}$ warr$^{t}$ under y$^{e}$ hand and Seal of Gyles Dyer Esq$^{r}$ Sheriff for y$^{e}$ County of Suffolke.

Henry Howel is by vote chosen to serve as one of the Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing in the room of m$^{r}$ John Broccus who was Chosen in March Last & refuseth to Serve.

Whereas the Comittee appointed at the Gen$^{ll}$ Town Meeting in in March Last to Consider of the State of the Almes House, And also of Some Expedient for the more Effectual preventing of Poor belonging to other Places from obtruding themselves on this Town, and to make report to the Town of what they Shall think proper to be done relating thereto.

1. Have Signified to this meeting their Opinion, That pursuant to y$^{e}$ T Votes Anno 1682 not only Such persons as thro' Age or other Infirmities are rendered uncapable of Labour, but others who are Capable but not willing to worke may be entertained at the Almes House or worke House and properly imployed, provided they be the Inhabitants of this Town (at whose charge the S$^{d}$ House was built) and no other, and that they be kept in Seperate Apartm$^{ts}$ from those poor honest people who are Sent there Only as Objects of Charrity, And that they think it necessary that y$^{e}$ Sel: man Earnistly Solicit the Justices of the Peace in Court of Gen$^{ll}$ Sessions, That there be forthwith Provided an House of correction as the Law directs, that So the persons mentioned therein may be Sent thither, and not Supported at the Townes Charge, and in their House which was never Intended for the entertainm$^{t}$ of persons So Scandalous, and that therefore The Town if they

See Cause may now pass a Vote, Setting a time be yond which they will not receive any Such persons into y^e worke-House.

2. As to the prevention of Poor from other places Obtruding themselves on y^e Town, They are of Opinion the Laws of the Province Already made would greatly prevent that inconveniency, if the Same were duly Attended, and a proper person or persons were Sutably encouraged to give notice to the Select men of any breach upon the S^d Laws.

What may be thought further necessary to be Offered to y^e next Gen^ll Court, the Sel: men can give directions to y^e Representitives of the Town to use their Endevours that the Same may pass into a Law, and they are of opinion that Some of our former By-Laws may be instructive on this head.

[**344.**] Voted. an Acceptance of the fore going report w^th the Thanks of this Town to the Gentlemen of the Said Comittee for their care and Trouble therein, and that they be desired further to Assist in forming an Act proper to be Offered to y^e Gen^ll Court, in order to prevent Forraign Poors obtruding themselves on this or any other Towns.

Voted. That in Case the Gen^ll Court Shall See Cause to proceed, to the Establishment of a Light-House for the Accomodation of Vessells passing in and out of this Harbour, That then the Select-men or the Representitives of this Town be desired to move to the S^d Court, That the Town of Boston as a Town may have the prefference before any perticuler persons in beinging Concerned in the Charge of Erecting & maintaining the Same, and being Intituled to the Proffits and Incomes thereof.

Coll^o Townsends business calling him to be absent. Voted. that Paul Dudley Esq^r be desired to Officiate as Moderator in what remaines to be done at this meeting.

For Cleaning of y^e Streets

Voted.

1. That there be Eight Scavingers for eight Several parts of the Town, and their perticular distinct Precint be under the Regulation of the Select men.

2. That the Scavinger be impowered to Hire or furnish at the Cheapest Rates they Can, a Man or men w^th Horses & Carts to rake up and Carry a way, as often as y^e Scavingers See Cause, the dirt so raked up in all paved Street Lanes or High wayes.

3. That the Charge for Rakeing up and Carrying the Said dirt away, be paid out of the Town Treasury from time to time. by order of the Sel: men, the w^ch Rules are to be Attended for y^e year ensuing.

Voted. That Mesu^es Jeremiah Allen & Thom^s Smith do Serve as Overseers of the Poor; in the room and Stead of Mesu^es Welsteed & Lyndall who were chosen to y^t office in March Last and have declined y^t Service.

Voted. That m^r John Gibbins and m^r Charles Morrise do Serve as Clerks of the market for the year ensuing, in the room and Stead of Mesu^es Plummer & Butcher who were Chosen to that Office in March Last and have refused to Serve.

Voted. That the remayning business of this Meeting be Continued to the Consideration of y^e next Publik Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and Other Inhabi^tts of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Warned, being Regularly Assembled at the Town-House, the 8^th day of March 1713. 14. And Coninued by Adjournm^ts to the 16^th & 17^th dayes of the Same.

Cap^t Thom^s Hutchinson is chosen to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That the Inhabi^tts will Chuse Assess^es distinct from y^e Sel: men.

[**345.**] Voted. That the Town will chuse Seven Select-men. (S^d 3 Refused )

Mesu^es Isaiah Tay, Daniel Oliver, Richard Draper, Deac̄ John Marion, Joseph Wadsworth, Edward Hutchinson, John Ruck, are chosen to serve as Sel: men for the year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as T. Clerk. } for y^e year
Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as T. Treasurer } ensuing.

Voted. That the Town will chuse 7 Assessors.

Mesu^es Daniel Powning, Anthony Stoddard, Ezekiel Lewise, Samuel Marshall, John Kilby (the w^ch 5 refused to serve).

Cap^t Elisha Bennet & David Farnum are Chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates and Taxes for y^e year Ensuing.

John Oliver one of the Late Constables haveing by his Petition Signified to the Town that he hath been obliged to pay unto the respettive Treasurers in his own wrong, the Sume £3. 8. 6. being So much included in the Lists of Rates Comitted to him, and assessed on Several persons of whom it was not possible for him to get in. Praying the Town to Order that the Same may be repaid to him out of y^e Town Treasury.

Voted. That it be Left to the Select-men to Consider thereof, and at their discretion to Allow unto the S^d John Oliver, all or So much of the S^d Sume as they Shall think just and reasonable.

Voted. a choyce of Collectors of the rates and Taxes for y^e year ensuing, at Least two in number, of Such persons as the Select-men Shall nominate and agree with, and that those who Shal under take y^t Service, Shall give Security for the sum̄es to them comitted. And that three pence on the pound be allowed to the Collectors for Collecting the S^d Rates.

Mesu^es James Oliver, James Freeman, Henry Dering jun^r, John Goldthwaite (the w^ch 4 have refused to serve) James Pemberton, James Blyn, Benjamen Bird, & John Lothrop are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensuing.

Officers Chosen for Rumney Marsh for y^e year ensuing viz^t.

Edward Tuttle jun^r to Serve as Constable. Joseph Bill to Serve as Tithing-man.

Daniel Floyd & John Floyd jun^r to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

John Brentnall & Edward Tuttle Sen^r to serve as Hogg reeves.

Voted. That the Assessors of y^e Rates & Taxes for the year 1713 be impowered to make Such further Abatements of the Rates

in that year, as they Shall think Just and reasonable, Provided the Same be done within Six moneths Next following.

Voted. That the Town will Choose Seven Overseers of the Poor and that they be Chosen by a hand Vote.

Coll° Samuel Checkley, Cap^t Thom^s Smith, Cap^t Hab Savage, Cap^t James Pitts, Mesu^rs John Frizzell, Jer Allen, and W^m Clark, in Comon Street, are Chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Mesu^es Ezekiel Walker, Benj^a Emmons, John Lane & William Clear are chosen Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing.

Cap^t Thom^s Barnerd, Sam^ll Bridge, John Eustice, & Obadiah Read are Chosen Veiwers of Fence for the year ensuing.

[**346.**] Mesu^es Enoch Greenliefe, Jusue Marriner, Eben^r Scot & Henry Allen are Chosen to Serve as Hoggreeves for y^e year Ensuing.

Voted. That the Sel: men be desired to draw up a T. order ab^t Cleaning the Streets, and present it to y^e Town at the next meeting.

Voted. An Adjournm^t of this meeting to Tuesday th 16^th of March Inst^t at two of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon.

March 16^th. The Inhabitants according to their Adjournm^t then againe Assebled.

The Laws Ag^t Prophaness & Immorrallity were then Read as the Law directs.

Proposals Ab^t Erecting a Ferry way at the eand of North-Street w^r read, and referred to the Consideration of y^e next meeting for choyce of Representitives.

A memoral of 5 Severall proposals read and referred to further Consideration at y^e next meeting in May.

Voted. That the Sel: men be desired to Consider and make Report at y^e next meeting. of what they Shall think proper relating to a Granery, or other Methodes for providing and Supplying the Inhabit^ts of this Town w^th graine.

Mesu^es Oliver, Tay & Draper haveing refused to Serve as Sel: men for y^e ensuing year.

Mesu^es William Welsteed, Grove Hirst, and Cap^t Edw^d Winslow are chosen to Serve as Sel: men for y^e year ensuing.

In the Room of 4 persons before Chosen to Serve as Constables.

Mesu^es Francis Wainright, William Dummer, Nath^ll Loring & Ezek^ll Cleasby are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

It being Objected that Seven years are not yet Expired Since Ezekiel Cleasby Served as Constable, and that he is not as yet dismist from Serveing as Under Sherriff.

Voted. That the S^d Cleasby be dismist from Serveing as Constable for the year ensuing.

Coll° John Ballentine, Cap^t Nathan^ll Oliver, Cap^t John Charnock, Cap^t Stephen Minot, Mesu^es Sam^ll Wentworth, Will^m Shepreeve, Eneas Salter & Benj^a Emons are Chosen to Serve as Scavingers for y^e year ensuing.

Cap^t John Charnock, Cap^t David Mason, Mesu^es Timothy Lin-

dall, James Gooch, and Thomas Lee, are Chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Shingle & Measurers of Boards, Plank & Timber, for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select men for the year ensuing be also Surveyors of the High wayes.

Mesu$^{es}$ Robert Sanders, Caleb Lymon, Roger Patteson, Mathew Butler, Soloman Kneeland, Robert Earl, Sam$^{ll}$ Avise & Zach$^{ry}$ Triscot, are Chosen to Serve as Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing.

Joseph Grant, m$^{r}$ Will$^{m}$ Clark, Will$^{m}$ Down, Pin maker, m$^{r}$ Jonath$^{n}$ Belcher, Will$^{m}$ Man Sen$^{r}$, m$^{r}$ John Legg, John Bulkley, Henry Hill, Thom$^{s}$ Townesend, Shomaker, Cap$^{t}$ John Sunderline, Adina Bulfinch, Anthony Blount, Seth Dwite, William Webster, William Brown, Zach$^{ry}$ Thayer, are Chosen to Serve as Tything men for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

[**347.**] For Keeping the Streets and High wayes Clean.

Voted. That every Free-Holder or Inhabitant in the Town of Boston be obliged to Sweep or Rake up the Dirt into heaps before their respective Houses or Lands, Abutting to the paved Streets, Lanes, or Alley$^{s}$, being ordered there unto by the Scavinger; And upon his or their Neglect or refusall, the Scavinger be directed forthwith to employ a meet person to Sweep or Rake up the Same, paying him therefor, And the person So neglecting or refusing be Obliged to pay double the Charge, and to be recovered being convicted by the Oath of the Scavenger and One Evidence, before any of Her Maj$^{ties}$ Justices of the Peace in the Town.

It is Ordered. That for the More Effectuall Keeping of y$^{e}$ Streets & Wayes Clean, Any Scavenger in the Town be directed & Impowered to Imploy or Impress any Cart or Carter, to Carry away y$^{e}$ dirt out of the Respective Streets and wayes, being Raked up in heaps, paying him for the Same, the value of one Shilling p Load, and upon his or their refusall or Neglect the S$^{d}$ Carter forfeit for every Offence, the Sum̄e of Ten Shillings, one halfe the value for y$^{e}$ Scavenger to be recovered as aforesaid, and the other halfe to wards paying the charge of cleaning the Streets.

Mesu$^{es}$ Henry Hill, Jonathan Williams, (y$^{e}$ w$^{ch}$ 2 refuse to serve) Jonathan Loreing Gyles Fyfield & Sam$^{ll}$ Greenwood, are chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Sel: men together with the Reverend Ministers of this Town be desired to be the Inspectors of the Free Grammar Schools for the year ensuing.

Voted y$^{t}$ Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn, Cap$^{t}$ Gilbert Bant, Mesu$^{es}$ William Harrise and Daniel Oliver, or any three of them are desired to Audit the Treasurer's Accots for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Pursuant to the Report of a Com̄ittee appointed the 10$^{th}$ of March Last and their reeturn under their hands dated the 17$^{th}$ of Aprill 1713 being now read.

Voted. A grant unto Joseph Prout the aditional Sume of Forty pounds for his Service as Treasurer for y$^{e}$ three former years according to y$^{e}$ Comittees Report.

Voted. A grant unto Joseph Prout the Sum̄e of Twenty pounds for his Service as Treasurer for y$^{e}$ year Last past.

Voted. Thanks of this Town to m^r John Cole for his past service as Master of a Free writeing Scholl in this Town.

Voted. That m^r Jacob Sheafe be introduced into the writeing-School in Queen Street in the room of m^r John Cole who hath Signified his desire to be dismist from that Service: And that the S^d m^r Sheafe be Allowed Seventy pounds for his Service as Master of the S^d School for one year next ensuing.

Voted. That m^r John Barnerd be Continued as Master of the Grammer School at the North. And that he be Allowed Eighty pounds for his S^d Service for one year next ensuing.

Voted. That the Return of the Comittee appointed the 9^th of March Last relating to a writeing School at the North, be referred to the Consideration of the Sel: men and the S^d Comittee, who are desired to make report of what they Shall think proper therein unto the Town at their next meeting.

Voted. That the Overseers of the Poor be directed to receive no person into the Alms House to be Subsisted there, other then Such as are proper Objects of the Charity of this Town.

Voted. An Adjournm^t of this meeting to tomorrow the 17^th Instant at three of y^e Clock in y^e Afternoon.

[348.] The Inhabitants According their Last Adjournment being now Assembled.

Addington Davenport Esq^r is Chosen Moderator.

Mesu^es Soloman Townsend (who refuseth to Serve) Soloman Blake & Nathan^ll Coney are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

Coll^o Sam^ll Checkly refuseing to Serve as Overseer 'Oth Poor.

Coll^o Pen Townsend is Chosen to Serve as Overseer of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Town will re-Consider their Vote Ab^t Supplying the Inhabit^ts with graine.

Voted. That the Town will make provision for y^e Laying in a Stock of Graine.

Voted. That five thousand bushalls of Indian Corn be purchaced and Layd up in Some Convenient place or places.

Voted. That It be Left with the Sel: men to purchace & Lay in the S^d quantity of five thousand bushalls of Indian Corn, not exceeding the price of three Shillings and Six pence p bushel. And (if need be) they are Impowered to take up money at Intrest to purchace y^e Same

Voted. That the Town will proceed to grant money to be Layd out in paveing.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds to be layd out in paveing in the Highwayes within this Town, perticulerly in School Street w^ch Leads to y^e burying places, and at North Street nigh unto the New Meeting-House (provided the persons whose Lands are there Abutting do agree to defray the Charge of paveing each Side of the respective Streets, according to the Accustomed proportion, and that the whole affaire relating to the Laying out of y^e S^d Sum̄e be left to the discretion and direction of the Select men.

Voted. A grant of two hundred thirty five pounds fourteen

Shillings and eight pence for defraying the Townes part of y$^{e}$ charge remaining due for building and finishing the Town House.

Voted. That the Town will be at the charge of Erecting and Supporting a Third Watch-House and Watch, at Such place or part of y$^{e}$ Town as the Select-men Shall direct.

Voted. A grant of three hundred Seventy five pounds for the Support of the Watch for one year ensuing.

In the room of Mesu$^{es}$ Henry Hill & Jon$^{a}$ Williams who refuse Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn & m$^{r}$ John Marshall are Chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes for y$^{e}$ year ensuing (y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ 2 refuse)

In the room of Soloman Townsend who refuseth to Serve m$^{r}$ Danill Berry is Chosen & Sworn to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing.

The proposalls offered by the Fire wards is left to the further consideration of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Fire Wards, and y$^{e}$ Sel: men, who are desired to make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper Relating therto.

Cap$^{t}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Green and m$^{r}$ Jonas Clark are chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

m$^{r}$ Jonas Clark Signifies his refusall to Serve.

[**349.**] Voted. That the Town will Suspend the granting any furthe Sumes of money untill their next meeting, for choyce of Representitives.

Voted. That the Sel: men be desired to prepare a draught of an Order to prevent Annoyance by gutters conveying water from off from Houses into y$^{e}$ Streets or H: wayes.

Voted. That the Sel: men be desired to Consider of Some Expedient to Oblige all persons who shall entertaine in their Houses or Tenem$^{ts}$, any Stranger comeing into this Town to reside, to give Speedy notice there of, to y$^{e}$ Sel: men or T. Clerk, in writeing und$^{r}$ their hands and to make report to the Town, at their next meeting of w$^{t}$ they Shall think proper relating thereto.

m$^{r}$ William Antram is Chosen to Serve as an Assessor of the Rates and Taxes for the year ensuing.

At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-House the 17$^{th}$ of May 1714.

M$^{r}$ John White is Chosen to Serve as Moderater for this meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of four Representitives — John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson, Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes, Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop are by y$^{e}$ Major part of the Voters present Chosen to Serve as Representitives agreeable to the war$^{t}$.

The Petition of John Greenough and Assosiates referring to the Stateing a Ferry place at the end of North Street is by a Vote of the Inhabit$^{ts}$ dis approved.

Voted. That the proposal of Majo$^{r}$ Gen$^{ll}$ Winthrop, relating to the Exchange of a peice of Land, be referred to y$^{e}$ Consideration of the Sel: men, who are desired to prepare and offer to y$^{e}$ Town at their next meeting what they Shall think proper relating thereto.

Pursuant to a Return of the Comittee appointed by the Town to Inspect the North Writeing School.

Voted. That it be left with the Selectmen to purchace a peice of Land Sutable to Sett a School House on there, in Case any Such Should be Offered to Sale on reasonable terms.

Pursuant to a Report made to the Town by the Select men, and Fire Wards, in Order to make provision for putting a Stop to the Spreading of Fire.

1. That there be provided and Lodged in Several parts of y^e^ Town, Six Large hooks on poles, for the pulling down of Houses, with double that number of Smaller ones, sutable to to be Applyed to the Same use.

2. That ten or twelve Sutable and able men, whose dwellings are neer the Same, be Appointed to Attend the Service of each of the three water Engines, and that at all times, both in Winter & Summer there be free Access to the Severall Engine Houses, and that the passage thereto be not obstructed.

3. That two good Axes be provided & Lodged w^th^ each Engine.

4. That Some Sutable Casks of powder well bound & cased w^th^ Leather, well fitted for blowing up of Houses, be lodged in Several Convenent places of the Town, And y^t^ Sutable persons be appointed to [**350.**] Attend and Carry the same, in Case of the breaking out of Fire.

Voted. That it be left w^th^ the Select men to make Provision as afore said. And to take care that the Town order or by Law ab^t^ provideing of Ladders be duly Attended.

Voted. That it is the Opinion of the Town. That Such persons as Shall be imployed in Blowing up of Houses in Case of Fire, Should have a Competent reward for Such Service and that the Town will take the Same into Consideration after Such an Occation Shall hapen for the future.

For Preventing annoyance to the Streets &c by y^e^ Irregular Conveyance of Water from Off Houses.

Whereas it hath been found by long Experience, that the Comon usage of Conveying Watter by Troughs, or Gutters from the Eves of Houses in this Town, So as to drop the Same into Such parts of the Streets or High wayes, where the Inhabit^ts^ & others do usually pass & repass hath been a great annoyance, espeshally in Stormy wether & dark nights.

It is therefore Ordered. That from and after y^e^ Publication of this Order, No person whatsoever, Shall be permitted to make or Sett up any Such Gutter, or to Continue any Such, being already made and Sett up, for the conveying of water, from any of their Houses to fall into any of the Streets, Lanes, or Highwayes of the S^d^ Town other then Such, as Shall be So made, as to convey the water thro drop-gutters or Trunks, Close to their respective Houses (in the best manner the Circustance of the place will admit) So as to deliver or Cast the Same, not exceeding four feet distant above the Surface of the Earth, and at the Edge or Side of the respective Street or Highway.

And it is further Ordered; That from and after the tenth day

of March next ensuing the Publication of this Order, Every Such owner, or Occupier of any House or Ediffice in this Town, who shall Suffer or Continue any Trough or gutter, to abide upon or joyn any of their respective Houses or Ediffices, So as to Convey water into any of the Streets or Highwayes of this Town, to the Annoyance of passengers, and Contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Order, Shall forfeit and pay the Sume of Twenty Shillings for every Such Transgression of this Order.

For preventing of Strangers, Comeing from other places and And obtruding themselves on this Town.

Whereas It hath often So hapened, That Strangers have Sheltered themselves as Tennants, Lodgers or Inmates with Some of the Inhabitants of this Town, The Select-men not haveing had Seasonable Knowledge thereof, the which in many Instances, hath been the Occasion of Bringing Charge upon the Town.

It is therefore Ordered. That no person Inhabiting in this Town, Shall Receive, Admit, or Entertaine, in any of their Houses or Tenements, either as Tennants or Inmates, any person being a Stranger, or New Comer here, not being Admited by the Select men as an Inhabitant of this Town, other then Such Strangers as become Apprentices to any of the Free-holders of the Same, without giveing Notice in writeing under their hands [351.] within the Space of Thirty dayes next after their So receiving or entertaining Such Stranger or New Comer, Unto any one of the Select men of the S^d^ Town, or Town Clerk, of the name of Such Stranger or New comer, with the time when they Came first to be So entertained by them, and the place from whence they Last came, and their Circumstances as neer as may be And that every Such person Inhabiting in this Town who Shall refuse or neglect to give Such Notice as foresaid, Shall forfeit & pay the Sume of Twenty Shillings for every Such Transgression of this Order.

And it is further Ordered, That no person whatsoever, Comeing from any other Town or place to dwell or Reside in this Town at any time hereafter, Shall upon any pretence whatsoever presume to open any Shop, or to Exercise his or her Trade in this Town, without first Obtaining a Certificate under the hand of the Town Clerk, of his or her being admitted by y^e^ Select men, So to reside or dwell here, On penalty of forfeiting and paying the Sume of Twenty Shillings for every Such Transgression of this Order.

Voted. That it be left with the Select men, at their discretion to dispose of the Indian Corn, (Lately ordered to be layd in) and at Such time, and in Such manner as they shall think convenent.

In answere to the Petition of m^r^ Richard Henchman.

Voted. an Addition to his Sallery the Sume of Twenty pounds for the year ensuing So as to make the whole, Sixty pounds.

Voted. An Addition of Forty Shillings p' annum be allowed him so as to make up the Rent of his School-House Six pounds p' annum.

In answere to the Petition of m^r^ John Cole.

Voted. a grant to him of the Sume of Ten pounds and Sixteen Shillings in Consideration of what he formerly pd for the Rent of

his School-House Together with the thanks of this Town for his past Service as School master.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to take Effectual Care to Prosecute the Town order or By-Law, For Regulating of Hucksters and to Allow a Sufficient Reward to Such persons as Shall be Imployed to Inform Ag$^{t}$ Such as Shall Transgress.

Voted. That the Sel: men be desired to prepare a penal Order or By-Law as they Shall think proper to regulate Such as Shall Sell to Hucksters.

Voted. That the Town will come into the charge of paveing in Anne Street, to the Northward of the Bridge there.

Voted. The granting of money to defray the other Charges of the Town be deferred to the next meeting.

At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabi$^{tts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified being Regularly Assembled, in a Publick Town Meeting, at y$^{e}$ Town House the 4$^{th}$ of June 1714.

Samuel Checkley Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to be Moderater for this Meeting.

M$^{r}$ Edward Hutchinson is by the Majority of the Voters present, Chosen to Serve as Representitive, for this Town, in the Room of the Hon$^{ble}$ Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, who was before Chosen, and Since that Elected and Called up to Serve at y$^{e}$ Counccil Board.

[352.] Upon the pleas of excuce made by the 8 Constables.

Voted that the Sel: men be directed to withdraw y$^{e}$ Complaint made & given in to Justice Dudley against them.

Voted. That the Town will come into the Charge of Carrying away the Dirt ordinarily made in the paved Streets of this Town, after the Same is raked up.

For Cleaning, and Keeping clean the Streets Lanes and Highwayes within the Town of Boston.

Ordered. That when and So often as the Inhabit$^{ts}$ of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Town, Shall agree to bear the Charge of Carrying away the dirt and Trash out of the S$^{d}$ Streets: It Shall and may be Lawfull for Such persons, who are or Shall be chosen to Serve as Scavengers for the time being, And they are hereby directed, as often as they Shall think needfull, to warn and give notice to all and every person w$^{th}$ in their Respective Wards who are or Shall be hereafter the Occupiers, of any Houses Lands or Tenements, Abutting on any of the paved Streets Lanes or Highwayes afore$^{sd}$, to Rake up in heaps, all the Dirt and Trash, lieing or being in the S$^{d}$ Streets or Highwayes, before or against their respective Houses, Lands or Tenements,, in Such manner, and proportion, as the Scavinger or Scavingers for each respective Ward Shall order and direct.

And it is further Ordered. That if any of y$^{e}$ Occupiers of Such Houses Lands or Tenements, Shall refuse or Neglect So to Rake up Such Dirt and Trash as aforesaid, by the Space of Twenty four hours after notice given them as afore said, Shall Forfeit and pay the Sume of five Shillings for every Such Transgression of this Order besides double the Charge that the Scavinger Shall be at in Rakeing up the S$^{d}$ Dirt or Trash.

And the Sel: men are directed and Impowered to Order pay$^{mt}$ out of the Town Treasury, for Such Sumes of money as the respective Scavingers Shall expend for Carrying away of the dirt out of the Streets and wayes afore S$^{d}$; And for the rakeing up the dirt from before the Houses or Tenements of any Indigent or Poor persons, who are not able of y$^{m}$ selves, to do the Same, or to pay for its being So done, Over & above what of Such expence as may be Saved, by the Labour of Free Negro's, being So Imployed as the Law directs.

It is also Ordered. That for the more Effectuall Keeping of the Streets and wayes Clean, Any Scavinger in this Town be directed and Impowered, to Imploy or Impress, any Cart or Carter, to Carry away the dirt out of the respective Streets & H wayes, being raked up in heaps, paying for the Same, not exceeding One Shilling p' Load, And upon his or their refusall or Neglect, the S$^{d}$ Carter Shall forfeit and pay for every Such offence the Sume of ten Shillings.

And that every Such Scavinger be desired & Impowered to Prosecute the breach of the Town order or By-Law (For preventing Nusances & Annoyances to or in the Streets or Highwayes &c.)

Voted. a grant of Two thousand & four hundred pounds to be Leveyed on the Inhabi$^{tts}$ of this Town, for defraying the Charges of y$^{e}$ Town as mentioned in y$^{e}$ Computation given in by the Town Treasurer & now read.

[**353.**] At a meeting of the Free-holders and Other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at y$^{e}$ Town House the 10$^{th}$ day of June.

Samuel Checkley Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen the Moderater for this meeting.

M$^{r}$ John Ruck is by the Major part of the voters present Chosen to Serve as a Representitive for this Town, in the room of the Hon$^{ble}$ John Clark Esq$^{r}$ who was before chosen to that Service, and Since that is Elected and Called up to Serve at y$^{e}$ Counceil board.

At a Meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town-meeting at the Town House the 30$^{th}$ of Novemb$^{r}$ 1714.

Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop being Chosen to Serve as Moderat$^{r}$ for y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ meeting.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Town will proceed to the choyce of four Representitives

Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop, Mesu$^{es}$ Oliver Noyes, John Ruck, Elisha Cook jun$^{r}$ w$^{r}$ by y$^{e}$ Majority of Voters present, Chosen to Serve as Representitives, pursuant to a Precept under y$^{e}$ hand & Seal of W$^{m}$ Dudley Esq$^{r}$ dated the y$^{e}$ 10$^{th}$ of Nov$^{r}$ Cur$^{t}$.

Whereas the Select-men have now Signified to the Inhabi$^{tts}$ at this meeting, That there being a Convenient Water Engine bro$^{t}$ into this Town by a Stranger who is now just upon going away, And they being urged thereto by severall principall Gentlemen of

the Town they have Secured the S$^{d}$ Engine for the Service of the Town, and have paid for the purchace thereof the Sume of One hundred pounds.

Voted. That the Town doth accept of the Select mens purchaceing the S$^{d}$ Engine for the Town, and at the Next Season for granting of money they will grant the afore S$^{d}$ Sume for that use, And in the Intrim the Select men are directed and empowered to borrow money to Satisfy for their S$^{d}$ purchace.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to agree with Some meet person or persons, to procure two more of the like Sort of Watter Engines for the use and Service of this Town.

Voted. That it be left to the Select men to Consider of what proper methodes are further Necessary to prevent the Spreading of Fire, And to make report there of to the Town at their next meeting.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified; Being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting, at the Town-House the 14$^{th}$ day of March 1714. 15. In the First year of His Maj$^{ties}$ Reigne.

Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serve as Moderater.

Voted. That the Town will Chuse Assessors distinct from Sel: men.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Town will proceed to Chuse Seven Select men.

Messures John Marion, Isaiah Tay, Joseph Wadsworth, John Ruck, Edward Hutchinson, William Welsteed & Cap$^{t}$ Edward Winslow are Chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck. Edward Hutchinson, Isaiah Tay & Cap$^{t}$ Edw$^{d}$ Winslow haveing Signified their refuseall to Serves as Sel: m̄. for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Cap$^{t}$ Habijah Savage, Mesu$^{es}$, Samuel Greenwood, John Charnock & John Baker as chosen (in their room) to Serve as Sel: men for the year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Clerk for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

[**354.**] Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of Seven Assessors.

Cap$^{t}$ Gyles Fifield, Cap$^{t}$ Nathaniel Green, Cap$^{t}$ Elisha Bennet, Mesu$^{es}$ William Antram, David Farnum, Jonathan Loreing, and Silence Allen are Chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates and Taxes on this Town for the year ensuing.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting to three of y$^{e}$ Clock, in the afternoon, at w$^{ch}$ time the Inhabitants were then againe Assembled.

John Chamberline is Chosen to Serve as Constable for the District of Rumny Marsh for the year ensuing.

William Hasie & Jacob Hasie Chosen Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ Same.

William Borman is chosen Tythingman for y$^{e}$ Same.

John Center & Isaac Lewise w$^{r}$ Chosen Hogg reeves for y$^{e}$ Same.

Mesu$^{es}$ Phillip Hedman, David Graige, James Smith jun$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ James Smith, Cap$^{t}$ John Sunderline, Cap$^{t}$ Newcomb Blague, Cap$^{t}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Oliver, & Ezekiel Cravath are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Assessors for the Last year be impowered for the Space of three moneths next ensueing, to make Such further abatements of the Rates & Taxes Comitted to the Constables as they Shall think needfull.

Voted. That on Condition the Several Constables Shall pay in One halfe of the rates Comitted to them at or before the twentieth of March Cur$^{t}$, And Compleat & pay in their whole Sumes by the tenth of June next, each of the S$^{d}$ Constables So Complying w$^{th}$ the S$^{d}$ Condition Shall be allowe three pence on the pound for Collecting the Province, County & Town Rates.

Voted. That the Constables of this Town who are to Collect the Rates and Taxes for the year ensuing, Shall be Allowed three pence on the pound for Collecting, Provided they pay in their first halfe of the Sumes Comitted to them, to the respective Treasurers by the first day of February Next. and also Compleat and pay in the whole by the first day of June from thence next following. And that only Such of the S$^{d}$ Constables who Shall So pay in according to the times of payment as aforesaid, are to be Entitled to the S$^{d}$ Allowance of 3$^{d}$ on y$^{e}$ pound.

Edward Lyde Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark, Cap$^{t}$ Edw$^{d}$ Martyn, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Smith, Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Oliver, John White & Grove Hirst are Chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Overseers of the Poor be desired to Consider and make report, at the next meeting of what they Shall think proper relating to the proposalls now Offered to y$^{e}$ Town ab$^{t}$ Regulating the Almes-House & work-House.

Mesu$^{es}$ Benj$^{a}$ Emmons, Ezekiel Walker, Silence Allen, & William Clear are Chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing.

Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Barnerd, Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Bridge, Jabez Negus & Obadiah Reed are Chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Thomas Vereing, Sam$^{ll}$ Gardner, Wigglesworth Sweetsir & Nicholas Moorcock are Chosen to Serve as Hogg reeves for the year ensuing.

M$^{r}$ David Craige & Cap$^{t}$ Daniel Oliver are dismist from Serveing as Constables for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

[**355.**] Coll$^{o}$ Stephen Minot, Cap$^{t}$ Nathaniel Oliver, Mesu$^{es}$ Benj$^{a}$ Emmons, William Shepreeve, Eneas Salter, Fortune Ruddock, Sam$^{ll}$ Plummer & William Down Pin-maker, are Chosen to Serve as Scavingers for the year ensuing.

Cap$^{t}$ David Mason, Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Barnerd, Mesu$^{es}$ James Gooch, Thomas Lee, & William Webster, are Chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Shingle, and measurers of Boards, Plank & Timb$^{r}$ for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select-men be the Surveyors of y$^{e}$ High wayes for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Joseph Grant, Jeremiah Condey, William Payn Joyner, Benj$^{a}$ Gibson, William Palfrey, William Yound, Nathaniel Wheeler & Henry Hill are chosen to Serve as Clarks of the Market for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ *Timothy Thornton*, Nathaniel Henchman, John Cookson, John Cunneball, Richard Proctor, James Barnes, Sam$^{ll}$ Torey, Joshua Hensha, Benjamen Goodwin, George Robinson, Joshua Winsor, Josiah Frankling, Hopestill Foster, Zach$^{ry}$ Triscot, William Clark Merch$^{t}$, Soloman Kneeland were chosen to Serve as Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting to monday next being the 21$^{th}$ of March Cur$^{t}$ at nine of y$^{e}$ Clock in the forenoon.

At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting on the 14$^{th}$ of March 1714. 15. And Continued by Adjournment to the 21$^{th}$ day of the Same, and Accordingly being then againe Assembled.

M$^{r}$ John White is Chosen Moderator for this meeting.

In answere to the Petition of Cap$^{t}$ Newcomb Blague & for the reasons therein given. Voted, that he the S$^{d}$ Blague is excused from Serveing as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

In answere to the Petition of Silence Allen. Voted that he the S$^{d}$ Allen is excused from Serveing as Assessor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

In the Room of m$^{r}$ Silence Allen, m$^{r}$ Daniel Powning is chosen to Serve as Assessor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing. & was accordingly Sworn.

Laws Ag$^{t}$ Immorality & Prophaness w$^{r}$ Openly read.

Voted. That the Select men to gether w$^{th}$ the Rev$^{d}$ ministers of this Town be desired to be the Inspectors of the Free-Grammar Schools for the year ensuing.

Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop, Mesu$^{es}$ John White, Jonath$^{n}$ Belcher, Edward Hutchinson & William Harris or any three of them are desired to Audit the Treasu$^{rs}$ Acco$^{ts}$ for the year ensuing.

Voted. A grant of Twenty pounds unto Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasurer in the year Last past.

In the room and Stead of Cap$^{t}$ Oliver, Cap$^{t}$ Blague & Cap$^{t}$ Craige who are excused, and of m$^{r}$ Phillip Hedman who hath refused to Serve as Const$^{ble}$.

Mesu$^{es}$ Caleb Eady, John Dixwell, William Lowder & Nicholas Bowes are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. An Adjournment of this meeting to Fryday the 25$^{th}$ of march Cur$^{t}$ at two of the clock in y$^{e}$ after noon.

[**356.**] At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting the 14$^{th}$ of March Cur$^{t}$ And continued by Adjournment to this day, and Accordingly Now Assembled.

M$^{r}$ John Ruck is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

Whereas it is represented to this meeting That m$^{r}$ John Lothrop one of the Constables for the Last year, is dangerously Sick and

not likely to perfect his Collection of the Rates comitted to him, and that he is desireous that Care may be taken that Some other Sutable person may be Appointed to Effect the Same.

Voted. That it be left with to Select men to advise and direct in that matter as they Shall think proper.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nicholas Bowes & William Lowder haveing Signified their refusall to Serve in the Office of Constable.

Mesures James Scolley & John Edwards Goldsmith are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

Votes given in for County Treasu$^{r}$ & delivered to a Constable.

M$^{r}$ John Edwards haveing refused to Serve as Constable.

M$^{r}$ Noah Champney is Chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing.

Edward Loyd Esq$^{r}$, Mesures John White & Grove Hirst haveing Signified their refusall to Serve as Overseers of the Poor.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Colman, James Gooch, & William Hutchinson are Chosen to Serve as Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

M$^{r}$ John Colman haveing refused to Serve as Overseer.

M$^{r}$ John Legg is Chosen to Serve as Overseer of the Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

In answere to the motion of Sundry Inhabit$^{ts}$ whose lands are abutting on Back Street who have proposed at their own cost to pave the S$^{d}$ Street from y$^{e}$ Black Smith Shop nigh y$^{e}$ mill Bridg as farr North ward as Beer Lane, Provided the Town will come into the Charge of Regulating y$^{e}$ ground.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men to do what they Shall think proper for their Encourragement to go on w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ worke.

In Answere to the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants at the South end of the Town who are Abutters on the H. way Leading from Deacon Elliots Corner South ward to wards the Neck, Setting forth the Necessity of Paveing the S$^{d}$ High way, Praying to Town to order a Survey to be made of the S$^{d}$ Highway in Order to a Speedy Amendment of the Same.

Voted. That five persons be Chosen as a Comittee to Consider of what they Shall think proper ab$^{t}$ paveing the S$^{d}$ Highway & to make report there of to the Town as soon as may be.

Voted. That Coll$^{o}$ Elisha Hutchinson, Major Thomas Fitch, Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark, Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn and m$^{r}$ John White be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds to be raised on y$^{e}$ Inhabitants & Layd out, in paveing in y$^{e}$ High wayes.

Voted. A grant of Two hundred & fifty pounds to be raised on y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ for the Support of the Watch.

Voted. That the Salleryes as granted y$^{e}$ Last year to m$^{r}$ John Barnerd & m$^{r}$ Jacob Sheafe, and y$^{e}$ Sallery & School rent granted to m$^{r}$ Richard Henchman be further continued untill the Same be otherwise ordered.

Voted. That it be left w$^{h}$ the Select men to Consider of the motion now made Ab$^{t}$ Enlargeing the School House in Queen Street, and to make report to y$^{e}$ town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper to be done.

[357.] Voted. That a Stock of Graine be layd in towards a Supply of the Inhabitants of this Town.

Voted. That the Select men do procure & Lay up for the Town, three Thousand bushels of Indian Corn, five hundred bushels of wheat, and five hundred bushels of Rhy.

Voted. That the Select men are Impowered to furnish themselves w$^{th}$ money at Intrest. So much as Shall be needfull for purchaceing the aforesaid graine.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men to procure one more Convenient Stoar House for the Laying in of Graine.

In answere to the Petition of John Smalpeice.

Voted a grant to him the S$^{d}$ John Smalpeice of the Sume of fifty pounds to be paid to him out of the Town Treasury. In consideration of the Bodily hurt w$^{ch}$ befell him by y$^{e}$ blowing up of powder at the Late fire w$^{ch}$ brake out nigh y$^{e}$ Dock

The question being proposed whether the Town will grant Some House Lotts on y$^{e}$ neck in order to maintaine Lights there, w$^{ch}$ was Voted in the Negative.

Voted. That the Town will come in to halfe the Charge of makeing and maintaining a two raile fence from one end of the Neck, betw̄ Boston & Roxbury to the Other for the benefit and Safety of Travillers: And that it be given as an Instruction to the next Representitives for this Town: That they Endevour to procure the other halfe part there of to be done at the Charge of the Province, w$^{th}$ Some Sutable provision in the Law, for defending the Same against Such as Shall demollish the Same or any part thereof.

Voted. A Grant of Twelve hundred pounds to be raised on the Inhabitants & Estates of this Town, for the reliefe of the Poor and Other Necessary Charges Ariseing within & for the S$^{d}$ Town for the year ensuing.

Voted. That Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Major Thoms Fitch, m$^{r}$ Elisha Cook jun$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes & Cap$^{t}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Keeling. Be a com̄ittee to to Consider of what they Shall think proper to Suppress the Abuses to the Inhabitants of this Town by Hucksters, and they are desired to make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper upon that head.

And the S$^{d}$ Comittee are aso. desired to Consider of Some Effectuall Means to Oblige persons to pave, and repaire pavem$^{t}$ in the Streets against their Land, and to make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper relating thereto: And Also to draw up in writeing a Projection of an Act Proper to Pass in to a Law to enjoyn the Same.

Voted. That the Select men be directed to Come into the Charge of paveing the the Meddle part of Charter street, from m$^{rs}$ Ransfords Corner upward, in Case the Neighbourhood thereto agree to pave what or So much as hath been Accustomed on each Side that is to Say not exceeding So far as one hundred pounds will go in paveing the Townes part.

Whereas by reason the Number of Overseers of y$^{e}$ Poor was not y$^{n}$ Completed there was no report by them made Ab$^{t}$ Regulating y$^{e}$ Almes House and Worke House as was Comitted to them y$^{e}$ 14$^{th}$ Cur$^{t}$.

Voted. That the Overseers of the Poor w$^{th}$ the Advise & Con

currence of the Sel: men, are impowered to prosecute the proposal Offered to the Town, Relating to makeing a division of the present Almes House & work House, So as to Accomodate Sober and aged People by themselves, and y$^{t}$ those put in for vice & disorder may be Seperate from them.

[358.] Or to Lay before the Town at their next meeting what they Shall think more Adviseable.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men, to move the Gen$^{ll}$ Court by their Next Representitives, That the fifty pounds of Gun Powder allowed by Law, for Sellers of Powder to Keep in their Houses, may be reduced to Twenty pounds.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and Other Inhabitats of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-House the 17$^{th}$ of May 1715.

Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serve as Moderator.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to y$^{e}$ Choyce of four Representitives 262 Voters.

Cap$^{t}$ Oliver Noyes, Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop, M$^{r}$ Elisha Cook & M$^{r}$ William Payn, are by the Majority of Voters Chosen to Serve as Representitives of this Town according y$^{e}$ warrant now read.

M$^{r}$ Zachery Thayer is chosen in the Room of M$^{r}$ Ezekiel Cravath deceaced, to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing, and Accordingly Sworn.

Voted. That the Consideration of Paveing at the South end of y$^{e}$ Town be deferred untill the next meeting.

Whereas the Comittee appointed y$^{e}$ Last meeting to Consider ab$^{t}$ Hucksters &c. have not yet br$^{t}$ in their report.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Comittee be further Continued in that Service and that they be desired make their return to next T. meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of a Comittee of five persons to joyn w$^{th}$ the Sel: men, to give Instructions to the Representitives of this Town.

Voted. That Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Tim$^{o}$ Clark, M$^{r}$ Edw$^{d}$ Hutchinson, M$^{r}$ Daniel Oliver, & Cap$^{t}$ Edward Martyn be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & Lawfully warned being Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-House on the 13$^{th}$ of June 1715.

Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark is Chosen to be y$^{e}$ Moderat$^{r}$ for this Meeting.

Voted. The Town will not be at the Charge of Turning the High way to pass through the Lotts of perticuler persons, in order to the paveing the High way at the South end of y$^{e}$ Town.

Voted that the Town will proceed to grant money for paveing Forty-two Rodd in Length of the High way in Orange Street, that is to Say, from the Town Slip by y$^{t}$ w$^{ch}$ was Welcomes House as far Southerly as m$^{rs}$ Thomas Walkers House according to the report now made by the Comittee formerly Appointed to Consider thereof.

Voted. A grant of Two hundred and Sixty pounds to be Layd out in the afore S$^{d}$ Paveing, Provided that the Owners of the Lands w$^{ch}$ are Abutting on the Same do undertake and defray the Charge of paveing each Side of the S$^{d}$ Street, the Same breadth as hath been usually done by the neighbourhood in Other paved Streets.

[**359.**] Voted. A grant of One hundred pounds, to be layd out in Inlargeing the School-House in Queen Street in manner as hath been proposed by y$^{e}$ Sel: men. And that the Select-men be a comittee to get the Same effected.

Voted. An Addition of Ten pounds p Annum to m$^{r}$ Wigglesworths Sallery as Usher of the Gram̄er School.

Voted. A grant of One hundred & eighty pounds, for defraying the Charge of two water Engines formerly agreed to be sent for.

Voted. That the Committee raised in March Last to consider Ab$^{t}$ Hucksters, be further Continued, And they are desired to make a Speedy return of what they Shall think proper therein, and if need be to Consult Some persons Learned in the Law Ab$^{t}$ the Same.

Voted. That the Town will now proceed upon the Consideration of the proposals offered by m$^{r}$ John Marion and other Inhabitants relating to the fifteen hundred pounds being the produce of the Blue hill Lands.

Voted. That the Worsds in y$^{e}$ Town Vote relating thereto y$^{e}$ 13$^{th}$ of March 1710/11 (That they Lay out the S$^{d}$ money in Some Real Estate for the use of the Publick Lattin School) be reasumed.

Voted. That the Vote of the Town the 9$^{th}$ of May 1711 Relating to the Thirteen hundred pounds and the two hundred pounds, produce of y$^{e}$ Townes Land in Brantree, as Recorded p 324 be Reasumed.

Voted. That the Appropriated Money being the produce of y$^{e}$ Blue hill Lands, Shall be Applyed for the purchaceing of Corn or other provisions as the Town shall direct.

Voted. That whatsoever Loss Shall hapen by the purchaceing & Laying in of Grain or other Provisions, Shall from time to time be made good by y$^{e}$ Town, So that the Stock Shall not be Exhausted.

Voted. That the Select men are impowered to Lett at Intrest upon good Security all Such of y$^{e}$ Above S$^{d}$ Appropriated money as Shall not be by them Imployed for the purchace of Corn or other provision as afore$^{sd}$.

Whereas it is now represented to the Town that by reason of a Long fitt of Sickness m$^{r}$ John Lothrop one of the Constables for the Last year, hath been hindered from Collecting and paying in the Rates Comitted to him, at the time limited by y$^{e}$ Town in ther Last meeting.

Voted. That in Case the S$^{d}$ Constable Lothrop perfect his Collections & pay in the Same to the respective Treasurers by the 10$^{th}$ of August next he Shall be Intituled to his three pence on the pound for Collecting, as other Constables were who made up their payments by the 10$^{th}$ of June Cur$^{t}$.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House the 20th of September 1715.

Capt Ephraim Savage is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Meeting.

In Aswer to the Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants who are desireous to Erect a New Meeting House. Praying the Town to grant them a Peice of Land Sutable to build the Same upon.

[**360.**] Voted. A grant to Mesues Henry Hill, Eliezur Darby, David Craige, Nicholas Boon, Samuel Adams, & their Assosiates and Successors for ever, a Peice of Land, Comonly Called Church Green Nigh Summer Street in Boston, of Sixty-five feet in Length and forty-five feet in Breadth, (with Convenient Highwayes Round the Same) for the Erecting thereon an Ediffice for a Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God, Provided the Sd Meeting House be Erected and improved to that use within the Space of Three years next ensuing.

Voted. That it be left to the Sel: men men to to Lay out the Sd peice of Land According to the above Sd vote.

Voted. That the Select men be directed and Impowered to make and Execute a proper deed of Conveyance of the Sd peice of Land Agreeable to the Tenour of the afore Sd Grant.

Voted. The Town will proceed to the Sale of that their peice of Land on the South Side of School Street wch they formerly purchaced of John Mathews.

Voted. That the Select men are Impowered to sell the afore Sd peice of Land for not less then One hundred pounds.

Voted. That the Consideration of the improvement of that Peice or Strip of Land below the Stone wall Nigh Capt Southinks House be continued untill the next Town Meeting in March.

Voted. The motion now made for Erecting Houseing in Some remote place, for the Lodging of Sick persons in Case of Inection be further Considered at ye next Meeting in March.

Voted. That the Assessors for this present year be desired & impowered to take into their Consideration the motion & desire of Capt Timothy Clark, Collector of ye Rates Anno 1712 & 1713, who sayes there is yet Out Standing Abt 12 or 13 pounds wch he cannot get in ; And at any time wthin the Space of Three moneths next ensuing, to make Such abatemts thereof as they Shall Judg necessary.

Whereas it is now represented to the Town on the behalfe of Elizabeth Liford Grand Child to Thomas Smith Deceaced, that She the Sd Elizа hath a Right to a Certaine peice or parcell of Land, of her Sd Grand fathers Estate now in the Possession of this Town. Praying that her claime may be considered and that her just due May be Assigned her without the Trouble of any Contest in the Law.

Voted. That a Comittee be raised to Consider & make Report to the Town, of what they Shall think proper to be done therein.

Voted. That Addington Davenport Esqr, Mr Richard Draper, and Mr Thomas Cushing be the Sd Comittee, who are accordingly desired to undertake the Same.

A Motion Now made Ab$^{t}$ building a Row of Tooms in the burying place is continued to be considered at the next Meeting in March.

[361.] At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled, in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House the 7$^{th}$ of Decemb$^{r}$.

The Hon$^{ble}$ Samuel Sewal Esq$^{r}$ is chosen moderator for this meeting.

M$^{r}$ Edward Hutchinson is by y$^{e}$ Majority of Voters Chosen to Serve as Representitive for this Town according to a Precept now read, under the Hand & Seal of John Burrel Esq$^{r}$ Speaker of y$^{e}$ House of Representitives.

Voted. That a Town Meeting be appointed to debate & declare whether they are for a Publick or Private Bank.

Voted. That the time of y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ meeting be monday next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon. And that the Select men do order Warrants to be Isued forth for the Calling y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ meeting.

The Hon$^{ble}$ Judg Sewell being called away Cap$^{t}$ Ephr$^{m}$ Savage is chosen Moderator.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men (at their discretion) to dispose of the Graine of y$^{e}$ Townes now Lying in the Granary, at Such time and in Such manner as they Shall think fit & convenient.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House the 12$^{th}$ of Decemb$^{r}$ 1715 and by their Vote Adjourned to Assemble at the Brick meeting House in Corn hill, for the conveniency of more room there, and accordingly w$^{r}$ there Assembled.

Voted. That Major Thomas Fitch be y$^{e}$ Moderator for this meeting.

After ab$^{t}$ two hours debate in order to Know the minds of the Inhabitants, whether they are for a Publick or Private Bank.

It being put to Vote, whether it be the Oppinion of the Inhabitants, that it is best for the S$^{d}$ Town to Endevour that a Public Bank be promoted. Voted in the Affirmative.

It being put to Vote, whether it be the Oppinion of the Inhabitants, that it is best for the S$^{d}$ Town to Endevour a Private Bank be promoted. Voted in the Negative.

Coll$^{o}$ Stephen Minot & M$^{r}$ Joseph Bass being present have declared their dissent from y$^{e}$ two Last foregoing votes.

[362.] At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabi$^{tts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House the 12$^{th}$ day of March.

Voted. That Deacon John Marion be y$^{e}$ Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Assessors distinct frō Sel: men.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Town will proceed to Chuse Seven Select men.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Marion, Will$^{m}$ Welsteed, Habijah Savage, John Baker, Joseph Wadsworth, Samuel Greenwood, John Charnock, are Chosen to Serve as Select men for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Clerk and also as Town Tresurer for the year ensuing.

Laws ag$^{t}$ Prophaness & Imorality Read.

Officers Chosen w$^{th}$in the district of Rumny marsh for y$^{e}$ year ensuing viz$^{t}$.

William Borman to Serve as Constable.

Edw$^{d}$ Tuttle & Elisha Tuttle to Serve as Fence Veiwers.

John Tuttle & Edward Tuttle jun$^{r}$ to Serve as Hogg Reeves.

Isaac Wilkinson to Serve as Tithing man.

Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Oliver, Thomas Smith, Will$^{m}$ Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Timothy Clark, Edward Martyn, John Legg & James Gooch are Chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ William Down Pin maker Sworn, Elemuel Gowen rfuse, Thomas Cushing refuse, Timothy Lindall excused, Benj$^{a}$ Eliot refuse, Abiel Walley refuse, Edward Davise refuse, Josiah Bills refuse, are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

m$^{r}$ Timothy Lindall Alledging y$^{t}$ he is ab$^{t}$ to remove out of Town is by Vote excused.

Mesu$^{es}$ Thom$^{s}$ Cushing, Abiel Walley & Benj$^{a}$ Eliot do declare their refusall to Serve as Constables.

Voted. That the Town will Chuse Seven Assessors one where of to be of the district of Rumny Marsh.

Voted. That the aforesaid Vote Last mentioned be reasumed & that they will proceed to Chuse Seven Assessors.

Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Powning, Gyles Fyfield, David Farnum, Nathaniel Green, Jonathan Loring, John Marshall & John Floyd are Chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes on this Town for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{res}$ Edw$^{d}$ Davis and Josiah Biles have declared their refusall to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Assessors for the year 1715 be impowered for the Space of Three Moneths next ensuing to make Such further Abatements of the Rates and Taxes Comitted to the Constables as they Shall think needfull.

[**363.**] Voted. That y$^{e}$ Town will not choose Collectors distint from y$^{e}$ Constables.

Voted. That the Constables of this Town who are to Collect the Rates & Taxes for the year ensuing, Shall be Allowed three pence on the pound for Collecting, Provided they pay in their first halfe of the Sumes comitted to them, to the Respective Treasurers by the first of Feb$^{ry}$ next and also Compleat and pay in the whole by the first day of June from thence next following. And that Only Such of the S$^{d}$ Constables who Shall So pay in according to the times of payment as afore S$^{d}$ are to be Entituled to the S$^{d}$ allowance of three pence on y$^{e}$ pound.

Mesu$^{es}$ Henry Bridgham Late Curier, Andrew Eliot, Ezekiel Walker, & Jacob Mason, are Chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Bridge, Thomas Barnerd, jun$^{r}$, Jabez Negus & Obadiah Reed are Chosen Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Kenney, Job Bull, Jeremiah Belknap & John Brown are Chosen to Serve as Hogg reeves for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Aires, Thomas Lee, Anthony Blount, Will$^{m}$ Tyler, Benj$^{a}$ Fitch, Henry Dering, Samuel Haugh, & Edward Okes are Chosen to Serve as Scavingers for the year ensuing.

Cap$^{t}$ David Mason, Mesu$^{es}$ James Barnerd, Zach$^{ry}$ Triscot, Will$^{m}$ Webster, James Tileston, & Erasamus Stevens are Chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Shingle, and measurers of boards, plank and Timber for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select-men be the Surveyors of the High wayes for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Will$^{m}$ Parkman Joyner, Grafton Feveryear, Stephen Payn Joyner, Thomas Dause, Obadiah Proctor, Daniel Henchman, John Barton & Eneus Salter, are Chosen to Serve as Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck, John Frizzel, Cap$^{t}$ Gilbert Bant, John Pitts, Abraham Blish, John Olton, John Mico, Benjamen Simpson, William Parkman, Sam$^{ll}$ Gardner, Samuel Wentworth, Samuel Barret, Epaphras Shrimpton, George Bethune, John Marshall, Silence Allen are Chosen to Serve as Tything men for the year ensuing.

Adam Winthrop Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Fitch Esq$^{r}$, David Jefferyes Esq$^{r}$, Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ & m$^{r}$ John White, or any three of them are desired & Impowered to Audit the Town Treasurers acco$^{ts}$ for y$^{e}$ ensuing year.

Voted. An Adjourment of this meeting to Tuesday the 13$^{th}$ of March Cur$^{t}$ at eight of y$^{e}$ Clock in y$^{e}$ Morning. And being then againe Assembled.

In the room of Six persons before Chosen to Serve Constables & not Staning.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Bucannan Sworn, Peter Lucey refused, Cornelius Waldo refused, John Barnes voted excused for this year, John Powel Sworn & Gyles Dyer refused are Chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing.

[364.] Voted. That the Votes for County Treasu$^{r}$ be br$^{t}$ in and Numbered w$^{ch}$ was accordingly done, Seal$^{d}$ up & delivered to Consta Down viz$^{t}$.

Votes for Coll$^{o}$ Checkley 127, for Coll$^{o}$ Winthrop, 11, for Justice Dummer 1, for Coll$^{o}$ Ballentine 1.

Votes for County Register br$^{t}$ in Sorted, Number$^{d}$, Sealed up & delivered to Consta Down. declared to be viz$^{t}$.

for Coll$^{o}$ John Ballentine 108, for m$^{r}$ Samuel Tyley 48, for m$^{r}$ Jos. Marion 9, for m$^{r}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Green 5, for Coll$^{o}$ Checkley 2.

In the Room of 4 persons Chosen to Serve Constables who refuse to Serve.

Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Steel excused, Mesu$^{es}$ William Tilley excused, John Visien excused, Thomas Moffet are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That the Rev$^{d}$ Ministers together w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ Select men of this Town are desired to be the Inspectors of y$^{e}$ Free Gramer Schools for the year ensuing.

Voted. An Adjournm$^{t}$ of this meeting to halfe an hour after two of the Clock this afternoon. And being then againe Assembled.

Mesu$^{es}$ Edward Richards, Stephen Minot jun$^{r}$, Thomas Row, w$^{r}$ Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing in the room of 3 who w$^{r}$ before Chosen and by Vote of y$^{e}$ Town excused.

Voted. That Joseph Prout be allowed out of the Treasury y$^{e}$ Sume of Thirty pounds as a Recompence for his Last years Service as Treasurer.

Whereas the Comittee formerly Raysed to Consider of of what they Shal think proper to Suppress abuses to the Inhabit$^{ts}$ of this Town by Hucksters.

And of Some Effectual means to Oblige persons to pave & Repaire pavement in the Streets ag$^{t}$ their Lands. Have now (Relating to that of Hucksters) given their Opinion that the best way to prevent that abuse, is for y$^{e}$ Town to come into the Setting up of a Publick Market &c.

Voted. That the Same Comittee Viz$^{t}$ Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Fitch Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$, Samuel Keeling Esq$^{r}$, unt$^{o}$ w$^{ch}$ Comittee they do now Add Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Adam Winthrop Esq$^{r}$ and M$^{r}$ John White, desireing them y$^{e}$ Said comittee to Consider and Lay before y$^{e}$ Town at their next Publick meeting, what they Shall think proper for y$^{e}$ Town to do, Relating to the Setting up of a Publick Market in this Town. And also ab$^{t}$ Paveing & repairing pavem$^{t}$ in y$^{e}$ Streets ag$^{t}$ the Lands of perticular persons.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to consider ab$^{t}$ the improveing of that peice of Vacant Land nigh Cap$^{t}$ Southacks House and what manner of Buildings are proper there to be Erected. and to make Report of what they Shall think proper therin, to the Town at their next Meeting.

Voted. That a writeing School be Erected at the Southerly part of this Town.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ United Comittee who have money to Lay out for y$^{e}$ Suport of a writing School, be desired to apply the Same, for Such a School at y$^{e}$ South End of this Town.

[**365.**] Voted. That the fore going Vote Last mentioned be Re Assumed.

Voted. That a Comittee be raised to Consider of a proper place for erecting a School House at the Southerly part of this Town, and to make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper relating thereto.

Voted. That Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$, m$^{r}$ Daniel Oliver, Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark, m$^{r}$ Thomas Walker, & m$^{r}$ Henry Hill be the S$^{d}$ Comittee who are also desired to Consider ab$^{t}$ the dementions of Such School House.

Pursuant to a proposal formerly made by Tho$^{s}$ & Edw$^{d}$ Hutchinson Esq$^{rs}$, For the Encourragem$^{t}$ of Erecting a Writing School at y$^{e}$ Nõrth end of this Town.

Voted. That John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Adam Winthrop Esq$^{r}$ Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ & m$^{r}$ John Ruck be desired as a Comittee to Consider of a Sutable place at the Norterly part of this Town, whereon to Erect a Writeing

School; And in Concert with the Select men, to purchace the Same.

Voted. That it be recommened to the Representitives of this Town to Lay before the Gen$^{ll}$ Court the Consideration of Providing a House for the reseption of Infectious persons w$^{ch}$ may hapen to be imported.

Voted. That the consideration of the return now made by the Comittee ab$^{t}$ Elizabeth Lyford's Petition be continued to the next meeting.

Voted. That the considerā of Nath$^{ll}$ Butts Petition be continued to the next meeting: and y$^{t}$ he be directed to bring vouchers for w$^{t}$ he asserts.

In answere to the Petition of m$^{r}$ John Barnert master of y$^{e}$ Free Grammar School at the North.

Voted. An Addition of twenty pound p' Annum to his Sallery, & fifteen pounds for the Rent of his House.

Voted. That the Motion formerly made Ab$^{t}$ Erecting Toombs in the burying place be continued to the next meeting.

Voted. That the Motions made by Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop ab$^{t}$ Reading Schools an by Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ Ab$^{t}$ a Free writeing Schools in y$^{e}$ Nature of a Charity School, be Continued to y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. That the consideration of the Memorial of Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$ & y$^{e}$ Rest of y$^{e}$ Comittee ab$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ money being y$^{e}$ Produce of y$^{e}$ Blue hill Lands be Continued to y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. That Cap$^{t}$. Ballentines Motion Ab$^{t}$ Repairing y$^{e}$ dock be continued for Consideration at y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Treasur$^{r}$ be directed to pay m$^{r}$ Fr. Wainwright Late Constable Thirty Shillings for the reliefe of Moses Deshon w$^{th}$ respect to his Rates.

Voted. That the Petition of Consta Natha$^{ll}$ Coney. And that of Joshua Hewes be refered to the Consideration & determination of y$^{e}$ Sel: men.

Voted. That it be Left w$^{th}$ the Select men in Concert w$^{th}$ the Fire-wards to Provide So many Ladders for the Publick Service of this Town as they Shall think needfull.

Voted. The Motion made for the Repeal of y$^{e}$ Order or By-Law mad: Anno 1714 Relateing Gutters. Be dismissed.

Cap$^{t}$ Edw$^{d}$ Martyn haveing Signified his refusall to Serve as Over seer of y$^{e}$ Poor.

Grove Hirst Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serve as Over seer of y$^{e}$ Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

**[366.]** The Proposal of Deacon John Marion for a Town Order or By-Law to prevent abuses by Such as Offer to Sale any Sort of Perrished meat, continued to be further Considered at y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. That the Granting money to defray the charge of this Town be deferred untill the next meeting.

William Sanders & John Gibbins are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the

Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-House the 8th of May 1716.

Mr John White is chosen to Serve as moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will chuse four Representitives 376 Voters.

Elisha Cook Esqr, Anthony Stoddard Esq, Oliver Noyes Esq, & William Payn Esqr, are by ye majority of Voters chosen to Serve as Representitives of this Town according to the precept now read.

Mesues Wigglesworth Sweetsir, Michael Shaler, (who wr both Sworn) and mr John Walley mercht were chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing, in the room of three others who wr Chosen in March Last and have refused to Serve.

Mr John Walley haveing Signified his answere by Consta Moffet that he refuseth to Serve in that office.

In his room Mr David Craig is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing; and hath pd his fine.

In the room of mr Eneas Salter who at ye Town meeting in March Last was chosen to Serve as a Clerk of ye Market & hath refused to Serve in Sd Office.

Mr William Sanders is Chosen to Serve as Clerk of ye Market for ye year ensuing.

In the room of mr Oba Reed who in March Last was Chosen a Fence Veiwer, and hath Refused to Serve in that Office.

Mr William Brown is Chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwer for the year ensuing.

Whereas in answere to the Petition of Elizabeth Lyford, Grand-Child to Thomas Smith deceaced, claiming a Right to a peice or parcel of Land of her Sd Grand-fathers Estate now in ye Possession of this Town: The Sd Town, did then raise a Comittee to Consider and make report to the Town of what they Shall think proper to be done therein. And the Sd Comittee haveing now given in their Report thereon in writeing, and being read at this meeting wch is as followeth vizt.

Pursuant to the desire of the Town by their above recited Vote, wee have made Inquiry into the Right of the Sd Eliza Lyford, and her claim to the above Sd Land, and haveing heard & considered what was Offered both on behalfe of the Town and of the Sd Eliza. Are of Oppinion in consideration that ye whole [367.] Personal Estate, with the dwelling house & Land Adjoyning, hath been disposed of and Sold by the Town for the Support & Subsisting of Thomas Son of the above said Thomas Smith, That therefore the above Sd remaining peice or parcel of Land, ought to be delivered to the Sd Elizabeth Lyford the Petitioner, She quitting her claim to the above Said House & Land Sold by the Town as afore Sd Boston, March the 10th 1615–16. Richard Draper, Thomas Cushing two of ye Sd Comittee.

And where as the Sd Elizabeth hath now presented unto the Town a Quit claim of ye House & Land afore Sd, and ye Same being read to the Town and by them accepted.

Voted. a grant unto the Sd Elizabeth Lyford according to the afore Said Comittees Report.

In answere to the Petition of Nathaniel Butt, who is the present Tennant to this Town for Deer Island.

Voted. a grant to him the S$^{d}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Butt of Twenty eight pounds to be allowed by y$^{e}$ Town Treasurer in Consideration of the great Loss he Sustained by y$^{e}$ Loss of his Sheep in the great Storm w$^{ch}$ hapened in January Last, Provided that, (according as he now promiseth) he will dureing the remainder of his present Lease, Improve y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Island to grazeing as formerly he hath done.

Voted. That Liberty be given to the Select men (if they Shall think it for the benefitt of the Town) to purchace and Lay in more grain So as to make up the whole Stock of grain to be five thousand bushels, and not to exceed that quantity.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men to Consider and make report to the Town when they meet next, of what they Shal think proper Relating to the paveing of Summer Street.

And likewise to Consider and make report relateing to the motion made ab$^{t}$ Repairing the Northly Side of y$^{e}$ Dock, and wharfe there to adjoyning.

Voted. That the consideration of Providing a Town Clock to be placed in the Brick meeting House be continued to y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. That the Town will adjourn this meeting to Some other day.

Voted. That this meeting be adjourned to Fryday the eighteenth of May Curr$^{t}$ at two of the Clock in the after noon, and the other buisiness of this meeting is further continued untill then.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified (According to Adjournment) being regularly Assembled the 18$^{th}$ day of May 1716.

Samuel Keeting Esq$^{r}$ is chosen moderetor.

M$^{r}$ David Craig who was before Chosen to Serve as Constable and hath refused to Serve in that Office. to Supply his room.

M$^{r}$ Thomas Jackson House wright is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing.

In as much as it is thought there is now too Slender Appearance of y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ at present.

Voted. a Continuance of the remaing business of this meeting unto y$^{e}$ next meeting w$^{ch}$ Shall be appointed by y$^{e}$ Sel: men.

[368.] At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House the 12$^{th}$ day of June.

Voted. That the town will proceed to the choyce of a Moderator in the Same manner as hath formerly been used.

Voted. That the Town will not now reasume their above S$^{d}$ Vote.

Edward Hutchinson is chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

In the room of m$^{r}$ Tho$^{s}$ Jackson who was before Chosen and hath refused to Serve in the Office of Constable.

M$^{r}$ Mathew Butler is chosen to Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

In the room of m^r Mathew Butler who refuseth to Serve.

M^r Joseph Wise is Chosen to Serve for Consta for y^e year ensuing, who upon a Motion of his was by a Vote of y^e Town at this meeting Excused.

M^r Robert Sanders is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing, and being present was accordingly Sworn.

Voted. A Grant of Two Thousand Pounds to be raised on y^e Inhabitants and estates within this Town, and to be applyed for the Reliefe of the Poor, and other Necessary Charges ariseing within and for the S^d Town for year ensuing.

Voted. A further grant, of Four hundred pounds to be raised as aforesaid and to be layd out for paveing in y^e H: wayes w^th in this Town.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds to be raised on y^e Inhabit^ts & residents of this Town, and to be applyed to the Support of the watch.

Voted. That the Projection an Act (For facilitating the Paveing of the Streets in Boston) and now under consideration at this meeting, be further continued untill Some other Publick meeting of the Inhabit^ts of y^s Town.

It being Signified to the Town that the paveing in Charter Street, and in School Street hath not as yet been Effected according to former Votes by reason y^e Some of the Abbutters are either Unable or onwilling to Carry on their proportions thereof.

Voted. That it be left to the Select men, accoding to their discretion to get the Said pavement done.

Voted. That y^e Comittee formerly Appointed to Consider ab^t a School house at y^e South end of this Town be further continued.

Voted. That the Sel: men be impowered, In case they Shall judged it for the benefit of y^e Town, To mak Some Addition to the wharfe on y^e North Side of y^e Town Dock as they Shall See meet.

Voted. That y^e Representitives of y^s Town be desired to move in Gen^ll Court for their Assistance in y^e Charge of a T. Clock.

[**369.**] Voted. That the consideration of the Memorial formerly offered to the Town by the Comittee appointed to Lay out y^e money being the Produce of the Blue Hill Lands, and the reply therunto be further continued to be considered at y^e Town meeting in March.

Voted. That the Projection of an Act ab^t a market in Boston now read, be further coninued to be considered at y^e Meeting in March.

At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit^ts of the Town of Boston duly qualifyed, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at y^e Town House the 11^th March 1716/7.

M^r John White is chosen by y^e Inhabit^ts to Serve as Modera^tor for this meeting.

Laws Ags^t Imorality & Prophaness Publikly Read.

Voted. That Assessor Shall be Chosen distinct.

Voted. to chuse Seven Select-men.

Mesu^es Joseph Wadsworth, John Marion, William Welsteed,

Habijah Savage, Samuel Greenwood, John Charnock & John Baker are Chosen to Serve as Select men for y^e year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Clerk & Sworn.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Treasurer.

Officers Chosen to Serve for the district of Rumney Marsh viz^t.

Jacob Hasie to Serve as Constable.
Isaac Lewis } to Serve as Fence Veiwers.
Will^m Hasie }
Edward Tuttle Sen^r, to Serve as Tithingman.
Thomas Berry } to Serve as Hogg Reeves.
John Tuttle }
} for the year ensuing.

Mesu^es Daniel Oliver, Timothy Clark, John Ruck, Thom^s Smith, John Legg, James Gooch, & William Huthinson are chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Mesu^es John Jenkins, Arthur Savage, Samuel Tiley jun^r, James Varney, Cap^t David Mason, Dan^ll Johnot, Soloman Kneeland & Jacob Wendall are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensuing.

Voted. an Adjournm^t of this meeting to three of the Clock afer noon and being then againe Assembled.

Voted. That Sam^ll Tiley be excused from Serveing Constable for the year ensuing. Cap^t David Mason is Excused as haveing formerly p^d his fine

Voted. To chuse Seven Assessors.

Mesu^es Daniel Powning, Jonath^n Loring, Nath^ll Green, Gyles Fyfield, John Marshall, David Farnum & John Floyd are chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes of this Town for year ensuing.

Voted. That the Assessors for the year 1716 be impowered for y^e Space of three moneths next ensuing to make Such further Abatem^ts of the Rates and Taxes comitted to the constables in y^e year past as they Shall think needfull.

[**370.**] Voted. That the Constables who are to Collect the Rates & Taxes of this Town for the year ensuing, Shall be allowed three pence on the pound for Collecting: Provided they pay in their first halfe of the Sumes comitted to them, to the respective Treasurers by the first of Feb^ry next: and also Compleat & pay in the whole by the first day of June from thence next following and that only Such of the S^d Constables who Shall So pay in according to the times of payment as afore S^d are to be Intituled to the S^d Allowance of three pence on y^e pound.

Votes for County Treasu^r br^t in, Sealed up & deliver^d to Consta Varney.

In the room of Six others before Chosen whe refuse to Serve.

Mesu^es John Jefferyes
Sam^ll Sewall
Cap^t Joseph White
Isaac Dafforn
Edward Pell &
John Ellis
} are chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensuing.

Voted. a grant of Thirty pounds to be p^d out of y^e Treasury, to Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasurer y^e Last year.

Voted. That the graing of money except w$^{t}$ Shall be thought needfull for Paveing, & for Support of y$^{e}$ Watch) be deferred untill y$^{e}$ next Meeting.

Voted. A Grant of Three hundred pounds to be raised on the Inhabit$^{ts}$ & Estates in this Town, and to be Layd out in paveing in y$^{e}$ Streets.

Voted. A Grant of three hundred pounds to be raised as afore said, & to be Applyed to y$^{e}$ Support of y$^{e}$ Watch.

Voted. That the Select men be the Surveyors of the H. wayes for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Timothy Thornton
John Frizzel
Gilbert Bant
John Pitts
Abr$^{m}$ Blish
John Olton
John Micoe
Scilence Allen
William Parkman
Sam$^{ll}$ Gardener
Samuel Wentworth
Sam$^{ll}$ Barret
Hopestil Foster
George Bethune
John Maxwell &
Benj$^{a}$ Simpson

are chosen to Serve as Tythingmen for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Ezekiel Walker, Samuel Eaton, Jacob Mason, & Joshua Cheever are Chosen to Serve as Sealers of Lether for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Bridg, Jabez Negus, John Jackson and Thomas Barnerd are Chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Silvanus Vickers, Will$^{m}$ Dinsdale, jun$^{r}$, Israel How, Nath$^{ll}$ Gardner, to Serve as Hogg reeves for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Aires
Thom$^{s}$ Cushing
Thom$^{s}$ Selby
Cap$^{t}$ Tim$^{o}$ Clark
Robert Gutridge, jun$^{r}$,
Anthony Blount
Nath$^{ll}$ Goodwin
Cap David Mason

a chosen to Serve as Scavingers.

[371.] Mesu$^{es}$ William Webster, Zach$^{ry}$ Triscot, James Barnerd, James Tileston, Erasamus Stevens, and John Indecot are Chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Shingle & Measurers of Boards, Plank and Timber for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Rev$^{d}$ Ministers together w$^{th}$ the Sel: men of this Town, are desired to be the Inspectors of the Free Gram̄er Schools for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Thomas Townsend, Samuel White, David Edwards, Jarvice Ballard, Cornelius Thayer, John Staniford, Samuel Bligh, &

William Pollard are Chosen Clerks of y^e Market for y^e year ensuing.

Voted y^t Coll^o Adam Winthrop, Major Thomas Fitch, m^r John White, David Jefferyes Esq^r, Edward Hutchinson Esq^r, or any three of them are desired & Impowered to audit the Town Treasurers acco^ts for the year ensuing.

Whereas Consta Robert Sanders doth Signify to the Town that he hath Lost the List of Rates comitted to him & moves that he may be Supplyed w^th a new copie. Voted that y^e S^d motion be refered to the Consideration of the Select men & Assessors.

Mesu^es Joseph Wise, Daniel Bullard, David Stoddard, Obadiah Proctor, John Gilbert, & Phillip Bongarden are Chosen to Serve as Constables, for y^e year ensuing, in y^e room of 6 others, who w^re chosen & refuse to Serve.

Voted. A continuance of Sundry Articles to be further considered at the next meeting viz^t.

The Motion ab^t Paveing in Sumer Street.

The Memorial of y^e Comittee ab^t Appropriated money of y^e £1500.

The Projection for a Publick Market.

The Motion ab^t Enlargeing of Adkinsons Lane.

The Report of Comittee ab^t a School House at y^e South.

And the Petition of Eben^r Burges & other remayning business.

Voted. That m^r Joseph Wise be excused from Serveing a Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted. An Adjourm^t of this meeting to y^e 12^th Cur^t at two after noon.

March the 12th.

The Inhabitants of Boston according to Adjourm^t being now againe Assembled.

Mesu^es William Wilson, Abraham Francis, Francis Bourland, & Jacob Royall, are chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensueing in y^e room of Others refuseing.

Mesu^es George Shore, & Thom^s Brooks, are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensuing in y^e room of others refuseing.

Mesu^es Thomas Chamberlin & Isaac Cailouell are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y^e year ensuing.

m^r William Tyler is Chosen to Serve as Constable in y^e room of 1 refuseing.

m Thomas Grose is Chosen to Serve as Consta in ye room of 1 refuseing

m^r John Vifien is Chosen to Serve as Consta & refuseth.

m^r Cord Wing is Chosen to Serve as Constable.

m^r George Monk is Chosen to Serve as Constable.

[**372.**] At a meeting of the Free holders & Other Inhabit^ts of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House the 15^th day of May 1717.

M^r Joseph White is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of four persons to Represent them according to Precept now Read.

The number of Voters in y^e choyce of Representitives 283.

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| Edward Hutchinson by Votes 202<br>Cap^t Habijah Savage by Votes 185<br>Cap^t Joseph Wadsworth by Votes 181.<br>m^r Isaiah Tay by Votes 161 | are Chosen Representitives. |

In y^e Room of M^r Cord Wing who was before chosen & excused by y^e Court of Gen^ll Sessions of y^e Peace.

M^r Benj^a Goodwin is chosen to Serve as Consta^ble for this present year.

Voted. That the Select men be directed at the Townes Charge to procure a good Town Clock: and to Set up the Same in Some convenient place in Corn hill for the benefit of y^e Inhabit^ts.

Voted. That it be left to y^e discretion of y^e Select men to Enlarge the South burying place by takeing in part of the High way on the Easterly Side thereof, So as that there by y^e S^d High way be not there by to much Straitened.

The question being put whether the Town will be at y^e Charge of Erecting a Row of Toombs in y^e South burying place.

Voted in the negative.

Voted. That y^e Sel: men be impowered to agree w^th p'ticuler persons at their Own Charge to make a Row of Toombs on y^e Easterly Side of y^e S^d burying place.

Voted. That y^e consideration of y^e Projection of an Act for a Market be continued to be considered at y^e next meeting, and in the Intrim besides the Originall lying w^th y^e Town Clerk a Copie there of be Lodged at y^e Town House in Custody of M^r Flagg in order that the Same my be perused by any of the Inhabitants who desire to veiw y^e Same there.

Voted. That the Consideration of a Projection of an Act Ab^t Paveing y^e Streets be further continued & in like manner exposed to veiw.

Voted an Adjournm^t of this meeting untill three of y^e clock after noon, and being the againe Assembled.

Voted. That the Sel: men are Impowered to Prolong Ebenezar Burges his Lease for ab^t thirty two years Longer So as to determine at y^e Same time with Websters Lease, under Such Rent as they Shall agree.

Voted. a grant to m^r John Barnerd, School mast an Adition of five pounds p' annum, So as to make up the Sume of Twenty pounds p' annum for y^e Rent of his dwelling House.

[373.] In answere to the Petition of Thomas Boylston.

Voted a Grant to the S^d Thomas Boylston the Liberty of Setting his Brick House to Stand partly on the Northerly end of Peirces Alley So as that he Leave the Alley there full Six feet wide betwixt his and Doctor Noyes^s Brick walls, Provided also that he Lay out & add unto the Said Alley So much of his Land in the Rear of his House as Shall be adjudged & accepted by the Select men as an Equivalent to y^e above grant.

In answere to a motion of a Comittee of y^e Gen^ll Assembly.

Voted. That the Select men be impowered to Lease out a peice

of Land on Dere Island not Exceeding one Acre, for a Term, not Exceeding Ninety nine years to be improved for the Erecting an Hospitall or Pest House there for the reception & entertainm$^{t}$ of Sick persons comeing from beyond Sea, and in Order to prevent the Spreading of Infection.

Voted. That the Town will procee to Supply y$^{e}$ Granary w$^{th}$ a Stock of Grain.

Voted. That the Select men be impowered to Lay out to y$^{e}$ Value of Seven hundred pounds in Grain Such as they Shall think most for the benefit of the Inhabitants. And to Lodg the Same in Such place or places where they Shall think most convenient.

Voted. a Grant of Two thousands Pounds to be Raised on y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ and Estates within this Town, for the Reliefe of y$^{e}$ Poor & other necessary Charges arriseing within and for the S$^{d}$ Town, for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

In answere to a Motion made for New Lying the Pavement from m$^{r}$ Boons corner to y$^{e}$ Gutter Leading down to Spring Street in Cornhill.

Voted. That in Case the neighbourhood on each Side do agree and undertake at their own charge to compleat what is accustomed of y$^{e}$ paing on each side That then the Town will defray the charge of New paveing their part in y$^{e}$ Middle.

Whereas Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ hath now moved to y$^{e}$ Town for Paveing the uper end of Haukins Street, from Back Street as far down as against the House of m$^{r}$ Samuel Clark, the abutters on each Side agreeing at their own charge to pave w$^{t}$ is accustomed on each side. And the S$^{d}$ Huthinson doth propose to defray the present Charge of doing y$^{e}$ Townes part thereof in y$^{e}$ Middle, Provided he may be reimbust by y$^{e}$ town out of y$^{e}$ next year's Tax.

Voted. an agreemen to the S$^{d}$ motion.

Voted. That the Motion made for the Widening of Adkinsons Lane be left to y$^{e}$ Consideration of the Select men who are directed to make Report to y$^{e}$ Town at their next meetin of what they Shall think proper relating thereto.

Voted. An Acceptance of the Report of y$^{e}$ Comittee appointed to consider of a Sutable place for a School House at y$^{e}$ South$^{ly}$ part of this Town: And that it be left to y$^{e}$ Select men to Sett out a convenient Peice of Land accordingly, viz$^{t}$ upon y$^{e}$ Comon adjoyning to Cowells Lott over ag$^{t}$ m$^{r}$ Wainrights.

Voted. That all other the business of this meeting not gon thro' & concluded, be further continued to be consided at the next meeting.

[**374.**] At a Meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled at the Town House the 10$^{th}$ day of March, 1717/8.

M$^{r}$ John White is by the Majority of Voters chosen to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That Seven Assessors be Chosen distinct from y$^{e}$ Sel: men.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of Seven Sel: men.

William Welsteed Esq$^{r}$
Habijah Savage Esq$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ John Marion
Joseph Wadsworth
Samuel Greenwood
John Charnock &
John Baker

are chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is chosen to serve as Town Clerk and also as Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Officers Chosen to Serve for y$^{e}$ district of Rumny Marsh for the year ensuing are as followeth viz$^{t}$

Mesu$^{es}$ Joshua Bill to Serve as Constable.

John Chamberlin as Tithingman.

John Chamberlin jun$^{r}$ &
Samuel Watts

as Fence Veiwers.

Nath$^{ll}$ Tuttle &
Elisha Tuttle jun$^{r}$

as Hogg reeves

Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Pouning
Gyles Fyfield
Nath$^{ll}$ Green
Jonath$^{n}$ Loring
John Marshall
David Farnum
John Floyd

are Chosen to Serve as Assessors of y$^{e}$ Rates & Taxes for y$^{e}$ year ensuing. Eight persons Chosen to Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensuing viz$^{t}$.

Mesu$^{es}$ Joseph Marion refuseth
pd Jarvice Ballard refuseth
John Briggs Sworn
pd Will$^{m}$ Cowel refuseth
Benj$^{a}$ Bridge Sworn
John Alford refuseth & Since Excused by y$^{e}$ Sessions
Sam$^{ll}$ Adams Sworn
pd Robert Rand refuseth

The Gentlemen Chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for the year Ensuing are as followeth viz$^{t}$.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Timothy Clark Esq$^{r}$
William Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck
Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Smith
James Gooch &
John Legg.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Assessors for the year 1717 be impowered to for the Space of three moneths next to make Such further abatem$^{ts}$ of y$^{e}$ Rates as they Shall think needfull.

[375.] Voted. That the Constables for the year ensuing art

to Collect the Rates and Taxes. And that they Shall be allowed three pence on the pound for Collecting: Provided they pay in their first halfe of the Sumes Comitted to them unto the respective Tresurers, by the first of Feb$^{ry}$ next, and also Compleat and pay in y$^{e}$ whole by the first day of June from thence next following; and that only Such of the S$^{d}$ Constables who Shall So pay according to the times of payment as afore said are to be Intituled to the S$^{d}$ Allowance of three pence on y$^{e}$ pound.

Votes for County Treasu$^{r}$ 193 in number bro$^{t}$ in & delivered to Consta Sam$^{ll}$ Adams

Voted. That the Rev$^{d}$. Ministers together w$^{th}$ the Sel: men of this Town, are desired to be the Inspectors of the Gramer Schools for the year ensuing.

In the Room of five persons before Chosen to Serve as Constables & have declared their refusall.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Allen
John Barnes merch$^{t}$ Refuseth.
Samuel White merch$^{t}$
Jonath$^{n}$ Simpson Housewright, Excused
Oxenbridge Thatcher refuseth

are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

The Projection of an Act for a Publick Market in Boston w$^{ch}$ at a former meeting of the Inhabi$^{ts}$ was Continued untill now, and the Same, being read & debated, and Voted disallowed

Mesu$^{es}$ Benj$^{a}$ Emmons
Will$^{m}$ Jepson
Ezekiel Walker &
Jacob Mason,

are Chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing

Mesu$^{es}$ James Barnerd
James Tilestone
Thomas Barnerd
Peter Wire &
John Indecot

are Chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for the year ensuing

Mesu$^{es}$ Joseph Calef
John Clark, Chandler
James Halsey &
Rob$^{t}$ Fethergill

are Chosen to Serve as Hoggreeves for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Roberts, Boat build$^{r}$
Jeremiah Condey
Anthony Blount
Will$^{m}$ Tiler
Jer Belknap
Nath$^{ll}$ Goodwin
Estice Hatch &
Cap$^{t}$ David Mason

are Chosen to Serve as Scavingers for the year ensuing

Mesu$^{es}$ Allexand$^{r}$ Seers, William Webster, James Barnerd, John Jackson, Erasamus Stevens & Thomas Foster, are Chosen to Serve as veiwers of Shingle & Measurer of Boards Plank & Timb$^{r}$ for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

[**376.**] Voted. That the present Select men be the Surveyors of the H: wayes for the year ensuing.

Jonathan Simpson haveing Offered to the Town the present Indisposition he is und$^{r}$. Voted that he is excused from Serveing as Constable for this year.

Mesu$^{es}$ Jonath$^{n}$ Brown
Moses Peirse
Sam$^{ll}$ Holyoke
Eben$^{r}$ Bridge
Joseph Savil
Nath$^{ll}$ Gardner
Jonas Clark jun$^{r}$
Thom$^{s}$ Down

are Chosen to Serve as Clerks of y$^{e}$ Market for y$^{e}$ year ensuing

Mesu$^{es}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Aires
Nath$^{ll}$ Henchman
Jonas Clark
W$^{m}$ Clark
Thom$^{s}$ Cushing
John Pym
Joshua Gee
John Colman
Phillip Hedman.
Benj$^{a}$ Bream
Thom$^{s}$ Steel
Jonath$^{n}$ Jackson
Francis Willobeigh
Joseph Hubbert
Bartho$^{l}$ Green
Joseph Bass

are Chosen to Serve as Tithingmen for the year ensuing.

Voted. an Adjournment of this meeting to to-morrow the 11th of march Inst$^{t}$ at Nine of y$^{e}$ Clock in y$^{e}$ forenoon.

The Inhabitants according to their Last vote being again Assembled the 11th of March, 1717/8.

Whereas M$^{r}$ John White who was before Chosen Moderator is now necessarily hindered from Attending. And Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$ & Thom$^{s}$ Fitch Esq$^{r}$ being Severally chosen to that Service & being Engaged in other business.

William Welsteed Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen Moderator for the remaining part of this meeting.

In the room of 4 persons before Chosen Constable & refuse.

pd. Mesu$^{es}$ John Allum refuse
John Fairwether excused
pd. John Miller & refuseth
Joseph Wise Sworn

are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

In consideration of the great hurt & damage m$^{r}$ John Fairwether Sustaned in the service of the Town at y$^{e}$ great Fire

Voted that he is excused from Serving this Town as Constable.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Williams$^{s}$ Petition for an Addition to his Sallery be disallowed.

Voted an Adition of thirty pounds to m^r Jacob Sheafes Sallery So as to make the whole One hundred pounds p' annum.

Voted an Allowance of Thirty pounds to Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasurer in y^e year Last past.

In the Room of Cap^t Fairwether & John Millar who refuse
Mesirs Elisha Story Sworn
Jacob Parker Sworn
are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

[377.] Whereas the Comittee formerly appointed to mañage the Erecting the Lyn of Deffence on the Neck, have now Signifyed to the Town that they have already Expended Sixty pounds, more then what was put into their hands for that Service, besides w^ch there is yet needfull ab^t one hundred and fifty pounds more to finish the Brick-work, to the extent of the stone worke. Voted that the S^d Comittee be disired to get finished the Said Brick-worke. And the Select men are directed to Supply the S^d Comittee w^th money to defray the Charge thereof, w^ch is Supposed to be Ab^t two hundred pounds.

Voted. a grant of three hundred and fifty pounds for defraying y^e Charge of the watch for the year Ensuing. And that the Select men be directed to post two watch men at the neck.

Voted. That a memoriall be Offered by y^e Sel. men to y^e Court of Gen^ll Sessions of the Peace, praying that in their Stating the Rule for apportioning the Watch Tax, due regard may be had to the Estates Watched. and that a greater difference then formerly be made between the Rates of the Rich^r, and of the Poorer Sort of the Inhabitants

Voted. That it be given as an Instruction to the Gentl.^men who Shall Represent this Town in y^e Great and Gen^ll Court, to Endevour the obtaining directions in the Law, that the persons from time to time appointed to Serve as veiwers & Sealers of Cord wood w^thin this Town, may be under Oath for their faithfull discharge of that office.

Voted. That a Comittee be raised to Consider & make Enquiry ab^t Encourageing the bringing of Sea Coal into this Town.

Voted[2]. That Tim^o[3] Clark Esq^r, Thom^s Hutchinson[1] Esq^r, & Elisha[2] Cook Esq^r, be the S^d Comittee who are desired to make report at y^e next meeting of what they Shall think Proper relateing thereto.

Whereas the Town now hath come, and comeing into their Treasury fifteen hundred pounds in Bills of Credit, being the produce of the Blue hill Lands formerly Sold.

Voted. That So much of the S^d money as the Town from time to time Shall See Cause to Improve for y^e purchaceing of Grain for the use and Service of this Town, shall be applyed to that use, and the Residue thereof to be improved as the Town Shall direct.

Voted. That the Select men be desired and directed to Lay out So-much of the S^d Blue Hill money for the purchaceing of Grain as they Shall think best for the Town, and to take Such Seasons and methods for disposing and delivering out the Same as they Shall think best.

Voted. A grant of Three hundred pounds to be applyed

towards paveing the Streets in Such places where the Sel: men Shall think most need full.

Whereas Thomas and Edward Hutchinsons Esq$^{rs}$ Executors of John Foster Esq$^{r}$ deceaced, have proposed to be at the Charge of Erecting a House Convenient for a Free writing School at the Northerly part of Boston for the benefit of S$^{d}$ Town. Voted. That a Convenient part of that peice of Land w$^{ch}$ the Town formerly purchaced of m$^{rs}$ Susanna Love be aplyed to that use. And that the S$^{d}$ Mesu$^{es}$ Hutchinsons together w$^{th}$ Adam Winthrop Esq$^{r}$ mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck and John Charnock be a Comittee to Order and direct the Setting the Sd building there.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Comittee ab$^{t}$ a School House at y$^{e}$ South be desired to perfect their report Respecting y$^{e}$ dementions in Order to judg of Cost of S$^{d}$ School House & whether they can think of a more convenient place for ye Same.

Voted. That Coll$^{o}$ Thom$^{s}$ Fitch, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Majo$^{r}$ Hab Savage, Coll$^{o}$ Lt Minot, & Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Smith, be desired as a Comittee to Consider & make report of Some Expedient for Securing the Marsh at y$^{e}$ Lower end of y$^{e}$ Comon.

[378.] At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-house the 14$^{th}$ of May.

M$^{r}$ John White is Chosen to Serve as Moderater for this present meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to y$^{e}$ choyce of four p'sons to Represent them at the Great & Gen$^{ll}$ Assebly.

Number of voters present being 242.

| | Votes. |
|---|---|
| Coll$^{o}$ Edward Hutchinson | 182 |
| Maj$^{r}$ Habijah Savage | 181 |
| m$^{r}$ Isaiah Tay | 226 |
| m$^{r}$ Joseph Wadsworth | 185 |

were Chosen to Serve as Representitives for this Town in the G$^{t}$ & Gen$^{ll}$ court or Assembly to be held at Boston on y$^{e}$ 28$^{th}$ of May Cur$^{t}$ and during their Session & Sessions.

In the Room of m$^{r}$ John Allum who hath pd his fine

M$^{r}$ James Fosdick is Chosen to Serve as one of the Constables of this Town for the year Esuing.

In the room and Stead of Cap$^{t}$ Gyles Fyfield Deceaced, and of m$^{r}$ Daniel Powning who hath declined that Service

M$^{r}$ Benj$^{a}$ Bream & Cap$^{t}$ John Sunderland are chosen to Serve as two of the Assessors of the Rates and Taxes of this Town for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Granting of money, and to Consider ab$^{t}$ Repairing the fortifications be continued untill y$^{e}$ next meeting.

At a meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at y$^{e}$ Town House y$^{e}$ 23$^{th}$ June 1718.

Major Habijah Savage is chosen to serve as Moderator for this meeting.

Voted That Pen Townsend Esq$^{r}$, Thom$^{s}$ Fitch Esq$^{r}$, Jonath$^{n}$ Belcher Esq$^{r}$, & m$^{r}$ John White, or any three of them are desired and Impowered to Audit y$^{e}$ Town Treasurers Acco$^{ts}$ for this present year.

Voted. A grant of fifty pounds in Addition to M$^{r}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Williams$^{s}$ Sallery for the year Ensuing.

Voted. That Cap$^{t}$ Timothy Clark, Coll$^{o}$ Edward Hutchinson, Cap$^{t}$ Cyprian Southack, M$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Greenwood, & Cap$^{t}$ Gilbert Bant, be a Comittee to veiw and Consider the State of the Fortifications of this Town, and Report what they think proper to be done thereon, and wheather they think it adviseable y$^{t}$ a Battree be planted at the end of y$^{e}$ Long wharfe, and that the Same Comittee be Impowered to repair the North Battrey in the most prudent manner they can, not exceeding one hundred & fifty pounds, in the Charge there of, the w$^{ch}$ Sume is now agreed to be applyed to that use.

[**379.**] Voted. a grant of two thousand & two hundred pounds to be raised on the Inhabitants & Estates within this Town, for the reliefe of the Poor and other necessary Charges ariseing wihin and for the S$^{d}$ Town for this present year.

At a meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House the 29$^{th}$ of Decembe$^{r}$

Olliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$ is chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Whereas the Select men have Signified to y$^{e}$ Town that they on y$^{e}$ 19$^{th}$ cur$^{t}$ under apprehension of Scarcity of Grain have purchased ten thousand weight of Bread at 40 Shill. p' hundred for the Supply of y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ of this Town and do now ask the mind of the Town ab$^{t}$ the disposall of the Same.

Voted. That the Select men do Suspend the disposall thereof in greater quantityes for the Space of one moneth ensuing, And in the Intrim to Sell in Small quantityes to any of y$^{e}$ Inhabitants that Shall See cause to by.

The Comittee appointed to Consider ab$^{t}$ the State of the Fortifications of this Town, haveing now given to the Inhabit$^{ts}$ at this meeting their Report in writeing of what they think proper Relating thereto, and is now lying on file w$^{th}$ the Town Clerk.

Voted that the Consideration of the S$^{d}$ Report be continued untill the next meeting of the Inhabit$^{ts}$ in March. And the S$^{d}$ Comittee are further desired to make a Computation of the Charge of what they propose to have done, and Lay before y$^{e}$ Town at y$^{e}$ Same meeting. The Comittee formerly appointed to Consider ab$^{t}$ Erecting School-house at the South end of Boston, and according to the Townes Vote on the 11$^{th}$ of march Last.

The w$^{ch}$ Comittee haveing now given in their report in writeing viz$^{t}$

Wee have further Considered the place for Setting a School House at the South end of Boston, and Can propose no better y$^{n}$ we have already done, and haveing Consulted w$^{th}$ Carpenters, wee find that to raise y$^{e}$ House made for the Carriages, So as to make it Twelve foot Studd & finish it inside and outside, to Fence it in

Conveniently, & build a necessary House, will Stand the Town in one hundred & eighty pounds, where as to build a New School House of the dementions of that in School Street$^{e}$ & compleatly Finish it, will Cost two hundred and twenty pounds.

Voted. An Acceptance of the S$^{d}$ Report. And the S$^{d}$ Comittee are further desired to provide Materialls, and agree with work men for the repairing y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ House there, or for Erecting one New.

[**380.**] At a meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town house the 9$^{h}$ day of March.

Voted. That Elisha Coak Esq$^{r}$ be the Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will chuse assessors distinct from Sel: men.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Seven Select men.

Mes$^{ues}$ Isaiah Tay, John Marion, Thomas Cushing, John Baker, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, William Clark & John Frizzel, are Chosen to Serve as Select men for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as Town Clerk for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Joseph Prout is Chosen to Serve as T. Treasu$^{r}$.

Officers Chosen to Serve for the district of Rumny marsh viz$^{t}$.

m$^{r}$ John Floyd ju$^{n}$ to Serve as Constable.

m$^{r}$Elisha Tuttle to Serve as Tything man.

Mesu$^{es}$ Will$^{m}$ Hasie & Jacob Hasie as Fence Veiwers.

Mesu$^{es}$ Thomas Prat, & Daniel Tuttle to Serve as Hogg reeves.

Votes for County Treasurer 202 in Number, Sealed up and delivered to Consta Joseph Wise.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$ Timothy Clark Esq$^{r}$ William Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Thom$^{s}$ Smith, Mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck, James Gooch, & m$^{r}$ John Legg are Chosen to Serve as Overseers of the Poor for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Cap$^{t}$ Thomas Smith at his desire is Ecused from Serveing & in his room m$^{r}$ Timothy Prout is Choson to Serve as one of y$^{e}$ Overseers of the Poor.

Voted. an Adjourm$^{t}$ untill after Dinner and being then again Assembled.

Voted. That it be left to y$^{e}$ Select men to Introduce a Cryer for this Town in the room and Stead of Rob$^{t}$ Shelston deceaced.

Will$^{m}$ Hutchinson Esq$^{rs}$ motion to be excused from Serving as Oveseer O'th Poor, Voted in y$^{e}$ Negative.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ Constables are to Collect the Rates and Taxes for the year Ensuing. And they Shall be allowed Three pence on y$^{e}$ pound for Collecting. Provided they pay in their first halfe of the Sumes Committed to them unto the respective Treasurers by the first of Feb$^{ry}$ next, and also to compleat and pay in the whole by the first day of June from thence next ensuing, and that only Such of the S$^{d}$ Constables who Shall So pay according to the times of payment as aforesaid are to be Intituled to the S$^{d}$ Allowance of three pence on the pound.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Cunnigham Sworn
William Thomas. Since sworn before Coll Hutchinson
Theophelus Lillie Refused & pd
Jeremiah Belknap Sworn
William Stoddard Refused
Ebenezar Thornton Sworn
Peter Thomas Refused
William Allen Refused & pd
are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted. To chuse Seven Assessors.

[381.] Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Powning, Nathaniel Green, John Marshall, Nath$^{ll}$ Loring, John Sunderland, David Farnum & Benjamen Bream, are chosen to Serve as Assessor of the Rates & Taxes of this Town for y$^{e}$ year ensuing

Voted. That the Assessors for the year 1718 be further Impowered for the Space of three moneths next, to make Such further abatements of the Rates by them apportioned, as they Shall think needfull.

Whereas, it appears that Constable Jacob Parker by reason of his long Sickness was disabled from Collecting his Rates in the proper Season thereof.

Voted. That in Case he comply w$^{th}$ his payments of the whole to the respective Treasurers by the first of September next he shall be Intitul$^{d}$ to the three pence on y$^{e}$ pound for Collecting.

In the room and Stead of mesu$^{es}$ Peter Thomas, Theophelus Lillie, William Allen. & William Stoddard.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Checkley refused
Thom$^{s}$ Dawes Sworn
Jacob Gale Sworn
John Dolbear Excused
are chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ William Jepson, Jacob Mason, Joshua Cheever & Eben$^{r}$ Burges are chosen to Serve as Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Eustice, John Jackson, Obadiah Gore, Thomas Barnerd, Thomas Foster & John Indecot, are chosen to Serve as Fence Veiwers for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ David Norton, William Maycock, David Edwards, James Pecker, and Elisha Hendrick are Chosen to Serve as Hogreeves for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

N 1 Mesu$^{es}$ William Parkman
2 Thom$^{s}$ Lee
3 Sam$^{ll}$ Wentworth
4 Charles Marriss
5 Benjamen Fitch
6 Jonathan Williams
7 Samuel Bannister
8 Cap$^{t}$ David Mason
are chosen to Serve as Scavingers.

Mesu$^{es}$ James Barned, Thomas Barnerd, Thoms Foster, Jn$^{o}$ Indecot, James Tileston, & Joseph Parminter are chosen to Serve

as Veiwers of Shingle, And also as Measurers of Boards, Plank, and Timber for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That the Sel. men for this year be also Surveyors of y$^{e}$ H. wayes.

1. Mesu$^{es}$ Thomas Baker
2. John Burt
3. Francis Parnel
4. And$^{r}$ Tyler who refuseth & Thomas Gross chosen in his Room
5. Benj$^{a}$ Gerrish
6. Joshua Loring
7. James Peneman
8. Edward Durant

are chosen to Serve as Clerks of y$^{e}$ Market for y$^{e}$ year Ensuing

[382.] The Hon$^{ble}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Sewall Esq$^{r}$
John Clark Esq$^{r}$
Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$
Adington Davenport Esq$^{r}$
Adam Winthrop Esq$^{r}$
Habijah Savage Esq$^{r}$
and m$^{r}$ John White together with the R$^{d}$ ministers of this Town are chosen to be the Inspectors of the Gram̄er Schools for the year ensuing.

Voted an Adourment of this Assembly to Tomorrow the 10$^{th}$ Currant at nine of the Clock in the Morning.

March 10$^{th}$.

At w$^{ch}$ time they being again Assembled.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Henchman
Jonas Clark
John Pimm
John Cunnaball
Henry Dering
Jonathan Jackson
Francis Willobeigh
David Colson
Nath$^{ll}$ Aires
David Norton
John Cookson
Samuel Barrat
John Hunt
Will$^{m}$ Webster
Joseph Briscow
Bartholomew Green

are chosen to Serve as Tithing men for the year Esuing

Voted. That the Town doth Accept and Approve of what the Select men hath done in Order to the Introduceing m$^{r}$ Thomas Robie to be the Master of the North Gram̄er School.

Voted. a grant of one hundred pounds for one year who Shall be Settled in and perform the Service of School master there.

In the room of m$^{r}$ John Checkley who refuseth to Serve and of m$^{r}$ John Dolbear who is by y$^{e}$ Town vot Excused.

Mesu$^{es}$ Samuel Hood & declares his refusall.
Samuel Bass Sworn
are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Selectmen to gether w$^{th}$ the comittee for Erecting a writeing School House at the North viz$^{t}$ The Hon$^{ble}$ Thom$^{s}$ Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Coll$^{o}$ Edw$^{d}$ Hutchinson, Coll$^{o}$ Adam Winthrop & mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck and John Charnock, be desired to recom̄end Some person or persons Sutable for a School-master there, and to make Report thereof to y$^{e}$ Town at their next meeting.

In the room & Stead of Joseph Hood who hath Signified his Refusall to Serve

M$^{r}$ Bartholomew Seers is chosen to Serve as constable & was by the vote of the Town excused for this year & in his room.

M$^{r}$ Joseph Payson was chose$^{n}$ to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing. and was accordingly Sworn.

John Bramans Petition for Some abatem$^{ts}$ in his Rent.

Voted, The S$^{d}$ Petiton be referred to the consideration of y$^{e}$ Select men and that a Report thereof be made to y$^{e}$ Town at the next meeting, and the Execution ag$^{t}$ S$^{d}$ Braman be Suspended untill then.

Voted. An adjourm$^{t}$ of this meeting untill after Dinner ½ an hour past two, At w$^{ch}$ time they again Assembled.

Voted. An allowance of three pounds, & ten Shilling p annum to the Bell Ringer at y$^{e}$ New South meeting house, in Case he perform Ringing S$^{d}$ Bell at nine of the Clock at night and at five in y$^{e}$ morning as is allowed to the other Bell ringers for y$^{e}$ like Service see more p 384.

[383.] Voted. That the Petition of John Demery & Thomas Barnerd ab$^{t}$ purchaceing a peice of the Townes Land, be dismissed.

upon Reading the Report of the Com̄ittee about Fortifications. It being proposed to the Town to provid a number of Gun Carriages w$^{ch}$ was Voted in the negative.

Voted. That the whole of the fifteen hundred pound being the produce of the Blue hill Lands, be Layd out for the purchaceing of Grain at Such times and Seasons as the Select men Shall think fitt.

And the Select men are directed and Ordered to Lay out the Same and to dispose there of according to their best judgment and discretion to the Inhabitants.

In the room and Stead of Mesu$^{es}$ John Baker & John Frizzell who have declared their Refusall to Serve.

Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$ and m$^{r}$ Eben$^{r}$ Clough are chosen to Serve as Select-men for the year ensuing.

For the better convenience of a passage to y$^{e}$ North burying place.

Voted. That a convenient breadth in the middle of Charter Street from the pavement w$^{ch}$ now is unto the S$^{d}$ burying place, be paved at the charge of the Town.

Voted a grant of one hundred pounds to be Layd out in Paveing.

It being proposed to Know the Townes mind whether a watch Should be Kept at the Line of defence at y$^{e}$ Neck. Voted. in the negative.

Voted a Grant of Two hundred and fifty pounds, w$^{ch}$ together w$^{th}$ Fifty pounds of y$^{e}$ money raised y$^{e}$ Last year & not yet applyed to that use, Shall be applyed to the Support of y$^{e}$ watch for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted a grant of Eighteen hundred pounds to be raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for the reliefe of the Poor, and defraying other Necessary charges ariseing within and for this Town for the year ensuing.

Pursuant to a motion offered to the Town by Sundry of the Inhabit$^{ts}$ desireing That a Committee be chosen by the Town, to receive consider and debate all Such matters and things as may be Layd before them, for the Releife of This Town under their present distresses, and that notice be given of the time and place of their meeting, and that they make Report of their doings therein, to y$^{e}$ Town in order to their Approbation thereof.

Voted. That a Comittee be raised to consult the Comon good as Set forth in y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Memorial.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ Comittee Shal Consist of Seven in Number.

John Clark Esq$^{r}$
Thom$^{s}$ Fitch Esq$^{r}$
Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$
Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ John Marion
m$^{r}$ Will$^{m}$ Clark
m$^{r}$ Edmand Knight

are Chosen to be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted a grant of thirty pounds to Joseph Prout for his Service as Treasu$^{r}$ in the year Last past.

Voted. That it be Left to y$^{e}$ Sel men to draw up a Town order relating to y$^{e}$ marking Baggs, Sent to mill, and ab$^{t}$ millers being obliged to keep in their mills Scales & weights.

[384.] At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at y$^{e}$ Town-house the 29$^{th}$ day of April 1719.

Voted. That Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ be the moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the Choyce of four Representitives.

Whereas, 3 Setts of List w$^{r}$ given in folded in one, contrary to Law, be distroyed. Number of Voters 454.

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| Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ | 293 |
| Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$ | 238 |
| m$^{r}$ Isaiah Tay | 431 |
| m$^{r}$ Will$^{m}$ Clark | 253 |

are chosen to Serve as Representitives according to warrant.

Voted a disallowance of the Comittees Report Relating to the Nomination of m$^{r}$ John Briggs to be master of the New writing School at y$^{e}$ North.

Voted. That the Bell ringer at the New South in Case he duly perform the ringing y$^{e}$ Bell at five & nine of the Clock be allowed

as the other Bell ringers for the like Servise Seven pounds p' annum in Stead of what was entered p. 382.

The question being asked whether y^e Town would waite any Longer for m^r Robies being mast^r of y^e Gram̄er School at y^e North. Voted in the Negative.

Voted. That M^r Peleg Wiswall be by y^e Select-men Invited to take y^e charge as master of the Free Gram̄er School at y^e North.

Voted. That the Town will proceed by a Written Vote to chuse a master for the North writing School.

Voted. That m^r Jer Condey be the master for the New writing School at y^e North.

Voted. That in Case m^r Condey do undertake and perform that Service he is to be paid at y^e Rate of one hundred pounds for y^e year ensuing.

Voted. The Thanks of this Town unto the doners of the Two North School Houses viz^t. The Hon^ble Thomas Hutchinson Esq^r for the Gram̄er School-house. And y^e S^d m^r Thom^s Hutchinson and also Edward Hutchinson Esq^rs for y^e Writing Sch. House.

Voted. That the Sel: men be directed to Enlarge the South Burying place, for the encourragement of Such as Shall Build a Row of Toombs. Provided Such as Shall build Toombs there, be enjoyned to carry up their Walls So as to be a Sufficient Fence.

Voted. That the Addition of fifty pounds to m^r Williams' Sallery made by the Town the 23^th of June Last for one year be further prolonged for one year more from thence next ensuing.

In answere to the Petition of John Demery & Thomas Barnerd now Lying on file. Voted. That the Sel: men are Impowered on Such terms as they Shall agree to Sell unto the S^d Demery & Barnerd a peice of the Townes Flatts, nigh the mill-pond, as described in y^e S^d Petition.

Voted. That Pen Townsend Esq^r, Edward Hutchinson, Esq^r, Mesu^cs John White, John Colman, & John Smith, or any three of them, be impowered to Audit the Treasu^rs acco^ts for this year.

[385.] The Comittee raised by the Town at their Last meeting to consult y^e com̄on good haveing now given in their report in writing w^ch being distinctly read and lying on file.

Voted an Approbation of the Several Parragraphs contained in the S^d Report. And that it be given as Instruction to the Representitives of this Town to Lay the Same before the Great an Gen^ll Assembly of this Province at their next Sessions in order to their bringing the Same into practice.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabit^ts of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at y^e Town House the 14^th of March 1719.20

Voted. That Elisha Cook Esq^r be the moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That the Assessor for the year 1719 be further Impowered for the Space of three moneths next ensuing to make Such further abatements of the Rates by them Apportioned as they Shall think needfull.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Assessors distinct from Sel: m.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Seven Sel: men.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$
Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ Isaiah Tay
John Marion
Thom$^{s}$ Cushing
William Clark
Eben$^{r}$ Clough
Sel. men Chosen.

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Town Clerk (& Sworn).

Joseph Prout is chosen to Serve as Treasu$^{r}$. (the w$^{ch}$ he refuseth.)

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Tim$^{o}$ Clark Esq$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck
James Gooch
John Legg
Tim$^{o}$ Prout
Coll$^{o}$ John Alford

are Chosen to Serve as Ov'seers O'th Poor.

Votes for County Treasu$^{r}$ br$^{t}$ in & del'vered to Consta Daws.

Voted. an Adjournm$^{t}$ of this meeting to three of the Clock after noon at w$^{ch}$ time y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ w$^{r}$ againe Assembled.

Mesu$^{es}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Barret, John & Thomas Jacksons proposall ab$^{t}$ a Small peice of Land behind S$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Barrets Land, and of their makeing a wharf ag$^{t}$ the Same to prevent danger to passengers there.

Voted. That the Select men be desired to Consider thereof & to make report to y$^{e}$ Town at their May meeting next of what they Shall think proper relating thereto.

Voted, That the Town will not chuse a Collector.

[386] Voted. That the Constables be allowed three pence on the pound for Collecting the Rates. Provided they pay in the first halfe of the Sumes comitted to them unto the respective Treasurers, by the first of Feb$^{ry}$ next. And also compleat and pay in the whole by the first day of June, from thence next following and that only Such of the S$^{d}$ Constables who Shall So pay according to to the times of payment as afore S$^{d}$ are to be Intituled to the S$^{d}$ allowance of thre pence on the pound.

Capt$^{t}$ William Blayer (who pd down his fine)
Jeffery Bedgood (who Refuseth and appeals to y$^{e}$ Sessons)
Walter Gutridge (who paid Down his fine)
Francis Millar who was Sworn.
John Clark Chandler (who was after Voted dechared)
Benj$^{a}$ White (who promiseth to pay his fine)
Francis Brinley (who promiseth to pay his fine)
Nath$^{ll}$ Jarvice (who was Sworn)

are Chosen to Serve as Constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Seven Assessors.

Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Powning
John Sunderland

Benj$^{a}$ Brame
David Farnum
Jonath$^{n}$ Loring
Nicholas Buttolph
John Floyd

are chosen to Serve as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes for year ensueing.

Voted. An adjournment of this meeting to to morrow the 15$^{th}$ cur$^{t}$ at Eight of the clock in the morning.

15$^{th}$ of march.

The Inhabitants according to adjournm$^{t}$ being now Assembled.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Jepson, Ezekiel Walker, Jonathan Blake, Eben$^{r}$ Burges & Jacob Mason, are Chosen Sealers of Lether for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Jackson, Thomas Barnerd, John Indecot, Thom$^{s}$ Foster, Obadiah Gore, & John Eustas to Serve as Fence Veiwers for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Hopestill Foster, Henry Whitten, James Wright Barber, Humph$^{ry}$ Richards and John Coomb are Chosen to Serve as Hogg Reeves for y$^{e}$ year ensuing

In the Room and Stead of Mesu$^{es}$ Blayer, Bedgood, Gutridge, White and Brinley who have refused to Serve as Constables.

Mesu$^{es}$ James Barnerd Sworn
Thomas Salter Sworn
Nathan$^{ll}$ Kenny he promiseth to pay his fine
Joshua Cheever Sworn
Barth$^{ll}$ Seers who upon his request was by Vote of y$^{e}$ Town excused

are chosen to Serve as constables for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Aires Sen$^{r}$
Josiah Biles
John Buttolph
Francis Willobeigh
John Stevens
Jonathan Pollard
Joseph Rollins
Joseph Hensha

are chosen to Serve as Scavingers for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Upon John Clark$^{s}$ aledging to the Town his infermity of Body. He is by the Town Voted Excused from Serving as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

[387.] It being found by Experience, Inconvenient for the Town to pay the charge in Common of carrying away the Dirt out of the Streets, Lanes &c.

Voted. for the ensuing year and So from time to time untill the Town Shall order otherwise. Every person Shall pay the Charge of carring away the Dirt of halfe the pav'd Street Lane or Ally before the respective Houses and Lands possessed by them, and every Such person neglecting and refuseing to carry away his Dirt twenty four hours after warning given by the Scavenger (when it is practicable) Shall forfeit and pay the Sume of five Shillings for

every Such neglect & refusall being there of convict before any of His Maj$^{ties}$ Justices of the Peace in this Town. and two Shillings & six pence to be paid out of the Town Treasury to him or them that Shall Complain and recover the Same.

Joseph Prout having declared his refusall to Serve as Treasu$^{r}$.

Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth is chosen to Serve as Treasu$^{r}$ for this Town for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Jackson
Joseph Parminter
Cord Wing
Roger Stainer
Erasamus Stevens
John Indecot
Thomas Foster
James Barnerd
James Tilestone
Thom$^{s}$ Chamberlin
Sam$^{ll}$ Whitwel &
William Page

are chosen to Serve as Veiwers of Shingle, and measurers of Boards Plank and Timber for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Gent men chosen to Serve as Select men be also the Surveyors of the Highwayes for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nathaniel Hodgdon
James Carey
Simon Rogers
Nathaniel Eaton
William Nicholls
John Binning
Joseph Thorn
John Eliot

are chosen to Serve as Clarks of the Market fer y$^{e}$ year ensuing.

Voted. That the Hon$^{ble}$ Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$, Addington Davenport Esq$^{r}$ John Clark Esq$^{r}$, Adam Winthrop Esq$^{r}$, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, Habijah Savage Esq$^{r}$, and M$^{r}$ John White be the Inspectors of the Grammer Schools for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Bennet
Will$^{m}$. Donn Upholst$^{r}$
Franis Parnel
Nathiel Henchman
Zacheriah Thayer
Samuel Greenwood
Thomas Lee &
John Dixwel

are chosen to Serve as Tything men for the year ensuing.

Granted unto Joseph Prout the Sum̄e of Thirty pounds to be pd. out of the Treasury for his Service as Treasu$^{r}$ the Last year.

In the room of Mesu$^{es}$ Kenny, Clark & Seers.

Mesu$^{es}$ Cornelius Thayer Sworn
Jonathan Simpson Housewright, Sworn
James Pitson, who appeals to y$^{e}$ Sessons.

are chosen to Serve as constables for the year ensuing.

In the Room m$^{r}$ Pitson, Peter Frasier is chosen to Serve as Constable for y$^{e}$ year ensuing, and afterward by vote excused.

[388.] Voted That Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$, Thomas Fitch Esq$^{r}$, Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Messu$^{es}$ John White & William Harriss, or any two of them are Impowered to Audit the Treasurers Accots for y$^{e}$ year esuing.

In the Room m$^{r}$ Peter Frasier, m$^{r}$ Joseph Parsons, is chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing and Sworn.

Voted that the five p' Cent allowed on the Bills of Credit on this Province payable into the Town Treasury Shall determine, and no Such allowance for the future.

Ordered that the Town Treasu$^{r}$ Shall receive and take of Consables and other persons, the Bill of Credit on the Colonyes of conecticot, Rhod Island and the Province of New Hampshire, Provided they are fitt to pass from man to man.

Voted. That the Town will not proceed to dispose of the Land between m$^{r}$ Wainwrights and m$^{r}$ Sheafes as was proposed in y$^{e}$ Warrant.

Voted that m$^{r}$ Ames Anger be Admitted a School master at y$^{e}$ new writing School House at y$^{e}$ South

Voted That the Sume of one hundred pound quartly be allowed him quarterly upon his performance of that Service.

Joseph Prouts Petition Praying the Town to appoint a Committee to consider of his past Service as Treasurer, and of what Recompence for the Same hath been already granted him, and to make an Estemation of what they Shall think proper further recompence to grant him, and to Lay the Same before the Town, at their next meetin, the w$^{ch}$ Petition be in Read was Voted disallowed.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Selectmen to put that peice of the Townes Land nigh m$^{r}$ Belknaps lying before Cap$^{t}$ Southiaks under Some Improvem$^{t}$ as they Shall think Advantagious to the Town.

Voted That it be left with the Sel: men to answere m$^{r}$ Sheafes Petition Relateing to the Incloseing a peice of Land next his School house, for a Wood yard & Well.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ Joseph Green be allowed & paid by the Town Treasu$^{r}$ five pounds for his Supplying the School house in Queen Street w$^{th}$ water for y$^{e}$ time past.

Voted. That Habijah Savage Esq$^{r}$, mesu$^{es}$ James Gooch, John Colman, Abraham Blish, & Cap$^{t}$ John Charnock be a Comittee to draw up a Town Order, or By-Law for the Regulating of Trucks within this Town and to make Report thereof to y$^{e}$ Town at their next meeting

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Select men to consider of m$^{r}$ W$^{m}$ Websters Petition & to make Report to the Town of what they Shall think proper relating thereto at y$^{e}$ next meeting.

Voted. an Aditional Grant of Twenty pounds p' annum, to m$^{r}$ Peleg Wiswall for y$^{e}$ hire of a House.

Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Selectmen to consider of Eben$^{r}$ Burges$^{s}$ Petition & to make Report to y$^{e}$ Town of what they Shall think proper relating thereto at their next meeting.

M$^{r}$ Joshua Ges Petition is Referred to y$^{e}$ consideration of the Sel: men.

Voted. an Allowance or Abatem$^{t}$ of Eight pounds & ten Shillings to James Barnes of his Rent of y$^{e}$ Towns wharfe y$^{e}$ Last year.

In answere to the Peition of John Braman, Voted That he be abated the One halfe part of his debt owing to the Town, upon his giveing Bond to the Satisfaction of y$^{e}$ Sel: men for the payment of the Remainder.

Voted. That Joseph Malam be pd out of y$^{e}$ Treasury by the T. Treasu$^{r}$ five pounds eight Shillings & five pence in Answ$^{r}$ to his Petition now Read.

[**389.**] Voted. That m$^{r}$ Nicholas Buttolph be Exused from Serving as Assesor unto w$^{ch}$ office, he was at this meeting chosen.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ John Colman be one of the Assesors of the Rates & Taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the granting of money as mentioned in y$^{e}$ war$^{t}$ be deferred untill y$^{e}$ next meeting for choyce of Representitives.

Officer for Rumny Marsh chosen y$^{e}$ 14$^{th}$ cur$^{t}$.

John Grover chosen to Serve as Constable.
Thomas Prat &
Nathaniel Richardson
as Fence Veiwers
Jonathan Eustice
John Chamberline
Hogg reeves.

March 15$^{th}$. Voted. That it be left w$^{th}$ the Sel: men to consider of Coll$^{o}$ Joshua Lambs Petition, and make report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper Relating thereto.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House on Wednesday the 27$^{th}$ of April 1720.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ is chosen to Serve as Moderator for this meeting

Voted. That the Town will proceed to Chuse 4 Representitives

Elisha Cooke Esq$^{r}$
Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ Isaiah Tay
m$^{r}$ William Clark

are by y$^{e}$ Majority of Voters Chosen to Serve as Representitive of this Town at y$^{e}$ G$^{t}$ & Gen$^{ll}$ Court.

For the Regulating of Trucks, Carts & w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ Town of Boston.

Whereas this Town hath been at Great Charge in paveing the most of the Streets and Considerable Lanes therein, and that Great damage is done to the Paveing by reason of the extraordinary weight born in Carts & Trucks, in Some measure Occasioned by the Unsutable Length of Trucks Lately made, whereby also there is danger of great damage done to Passengers &c. in turning of the S$^{d}$ Trucks in narrow Streets.

For the preventing of which it is Ordered.

That from and afer the expiration of one moneth next after the Establishment of this Order: whosoever Shall drive through any of the Streets or Lanes of this Town, any Trucks whose Sides exceed the Length of eighteen feet Shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Twenty Shillings for every Such Offence.

And. That whosoever Shall drive any Cart or Trucks through any of the aforesaid Streets or Lanes with more then two horses at a time, Shall pay a fine of five Shillings for every Such offence. And that every driver who in his Cart or Trucks shall carry more than one Tonn weight at a Load through any of the aforesaid Streets or Lanes shall pay a fine of five shillings for every such offence.

And. That every driver of any Cart, Truck, Dray or Sled Shall while passing through the Streets and Lanes afore said go by the Side of the Thil-Horse w$^{th}$ his Halter in his hand, on pain of the Forfeiting of Five Shillings for ever Offence, or neglect of attending this order.

[**390.**] And. That the Tire of the wheels of all Carts & Trucks that Shall be made, after the Establishment of this order Shall be full four inches in breadth, and the nailes of the Tire to be Flatt on Paine of the forfeiture of the Sume of Ten Shillings for every week the S$^{d}$ Cart or Trucks Shall be improved in this Town, to be paid by the Owner of the S$^{d}$ Cart or Trucks.

Voted a Grant of Three hundred pounds to be Raised on y$^{e}$ Inhabit$^{ts}$ for defraying the Charge of y$^{e}$ Watch for this present year.

Voted. a grant of one hundred pounds to be Layd out in paveing in such places as the Sel: men Shall appoint.

Voted. A Grant of two thousand pounds to be raised on the Inhabitants & Residents of this Town, for the reliefe of the Poor and other Necessary charges Arriseing within & for this Town.

Voted. a Grant to Edward Huthinson Esq$^{r}$ of Thirteen pounds eleven Shillings & three pence remaining due to him for his disburstments on repairing the North Battree, to be paid by y$^{e}$ T. Treasu$^{r}$.

whereas The Comittee formerly raised for repairing the North Battree. haveing now Signified to y$^{e}$ Town that Some further repaires is yet neefull there w$^{ch}$ they Suppose will cost twenty or thirty pounds.

Voted. That y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ comittee w$^{th}$ the advice of y$^{e}$ Select men do get So much thereof as is needfull repaired.

Voted. That it be given as an Instruction the Representitives of this Town now chosen to promote the building a Bridge over Charles River at the place where the Ferry hath been Usually Kept, viz$^{t}$ between m$^{r}$ Gee$^{s}$ & Hudsons point, and at no other place.

In answere to the Petition of Eben$^{r}$ Burges praying that y$^{e}$ Sel: men may be empowered to Bargaine & Sell unto him a certaine peice of Land and Flatts formerly Leased by the Town to his Predicessors and now in his Tenure, Abutting on the Mill Pond at the Lower end of Sudbury Street in Boston.

Voted a Grant of the S$^{d}$ Prayer & that he the S$^{d}$ Burges be invested w$^{th}$ the Fee of S$^{d}$ Land he paying in to the Town Treasury Such a Sume as it Shall be valued at by Indifferent men chosen to

apprize the Same, the which purchace money is to be Invested, in Some Real Estate for the use of this Town. And that Coll° Stephen Minot, m^r^ Ezekiel Lewise, & M^r^. Eben^r^ Clough be a comittee to Value y^e^ Same.

In answere to the Petition William Webster Praying that y^e^ Select men may be impowered to sell unto him the Fee of a peice of Land formerly Leased by the Town to his predecessors and now in his Tenure, Abutting on y^e^ Mill Pond at the Lower end of Sudbury Street in Boston.

Voted. A grant of the S^d^ Prayer & that he the S^d^ Webster be invested w^th^ the Fee of S^d^ Land, He paying for the Same into y^e^ Town Treasury, Such a Sume as the Same Shall be valued at by by Indifferent men chosen to apprize the Same The w^ch^ purchace money to be Invested in some Real Estate for the use of this Town. And that Coll° Stephen Minot, m^r^ Ezekiel Lewise, & m^r^ Eben^r^ Clough be a comittee to apprize the Same.

In ansere to the Petition of Sam^ll^ Barret, John Jackson & Thomas Jackson, Shewing that a Small peice of Land, of the Townes, Abutting on the said Barret's House and Land at the end of the High way there, Abutting on the Mil Creek nigh the Water Mill in Boston is become very dangerous for Passengers as well Strangers as Inhabitants, and that the wharfe against the Same is wholly decayed and Washed away. And that the S^d^ Petitioners do propose to make a good and Substantial Wharfe before & against the Same, and alwayes to Keep it in Repair, Provided the Town will allow them the use and benefit of it for ever.

[**391.**] Voted That from and after their haveing so made & Erected a wharfe there. The town doth grant unto them the S^d^ Samuel Barret, John Jackson and Thomas Jackson the use and benefit of the afore said Peice of Land for and during So long time as they Shall Keep the Same in good repair to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

In answere to the Petition of Coll° Joshua Lamb.

Granted to the S^d^ Coll° Joshua Lamb Assignee to m^r^ John Alcock deceaced. all that the marsh formerly Leased to the S^d^ John Alcock, upon his paying unto the Town Treasury for the purchace there of, the Sume of Seventy pounds. And the S^d^ money to be invested in Some Real Estate, for the use of the First Free Gram̄er School in Boston.

Voted. That it be left to the Sel: men to consider ab^t^ the Improvem^t^ of that peice of the Townes marsh next to Roxbury, formerly Lett to Dorman Morean and to make Report to the Town at their next meeting of what they Shall think proper relating thereto. and also ab^t^ Lessening the breadth of the H. way be yond the Salt Pond.

In the room and Stead of m^r^ John Colman & m^r^ Benj^a^ Bream who refuse to Serve.

Mesu^rcs^ John Dixwell & m^r^ John Edwards are chosen to Serve as two of the Assessors of the Rates & Taxes for y^e^ year ensuing.

M^r^ Samuel Jones, Blacksmith, is chosen to Serve as one of y^e^ clerks of the market for y^e^ year ensuing, in y^e^ Room of m^r^ Binning who fin'd.

At a meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting, at the Town House, on Fryday the 10$^{th}$ of June 1720.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ is chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of four Representitves to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and Gen$^{ll}$ Court or Assembly appointed to be held an Kept upon Wendnsday the Thirteenth of July next and So De Die in Diem &c. according to a Warrant or Precept dated the 31$^{th}$ day of may Last.

The Hon$^{ble}$ John Clark Esq$^{r}$
Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$
Oliver Noyes Esq$^{r}$ &
m$^{r}$ Will$^{m}$ Clark

are chosen to Serve as Representitives.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, being Regularly Assembled at y$^{e}$ Town House y$^{e}$ 28$^{th}$ of Sept$^{r}$ 1720.

The Hon$^{ble}$ Samuel Sewall Esq$^{r}$ is chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. That the Town will proceed to the choyce of a Comittee to Consider ab$^{t}$ promoting of a Spinning School or Schools for the Instruction of the children of this Town, in Spinning, as is exprest in the warr$^{t}$ for the calling of this meeting to be 7 in number.

Abijah Savage Esq$^{r}$
Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
William Payn Esq$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ Francis Thrasher
Abraham Blish
John Colman
Benjamen Fitch

to be the S$^{d}$ Comittee.

Voted. That the S$^{d}$ comittee be desired to make report of what they Shall think proper relating thereto to y$^{e}$ Town y$^{e}$ meeting w$^{ch}$ Shall be called for the choyce Jurors for next Jan$^{ry}$ Court.

[**392.**] Voted. That m$^{r}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Williams$^{s}$ Additionall Sallery be further continued for one year Longer, expireing the 23$^{th}$ of June next.

At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabit$^{ts}$ of the Town of Boston, duly qualified being Regularly Assembled at y$^{e}$ Town House the 27$^{th}$ of Dec$^{r}$ 1720.

Voted. that the Town will choose a Moderator by a handy vote.

Voted. that Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ be y$^{e}$ Moderator for this present meeting.

The return of the comittee for Spining Schooles being read as followeth.

The Comittee for Setting up a Spinning School in the Town of Boston do propose to the Inhabitants.

1. That if they See cause to encourrage so good a worke, It may be convenient to build a house proper for it, on the waste Land before Capt Southacks, because part of it is already built, a Cellar almost made, and a Well in Belknaps yard belonging to the Town, all wch will Save a great part of the charge.

2. That if the Town do not See cause to build, they may Hire a house for that use, and employ Some Sutable person that is a Weaver, haveing a wife that can Instruct Children in Spinning flax, to take care of the School. The Town Supplying them, with money for a time on good Security; that they may be provided with flax for the use of Such Children as Shall be Sent to them by the Overseers of the Poor.

3. That Such Children as the Town Sends to Learn the Art of Spinning the Town pay for their Subsistance the first three moneths, and the Master have the benefit of their worke, but from that time they be allowed by the Master of the House what they Shall Earn for their Support.

4. That if any Poor People will of themselves Send their children to Learn, the Master be obliged to teach them on the Same terms as if they were Sent by the Overseers of the Poor.

5. That the Town provide twenty Spinning Wheels for Such children as Shall be Sent on the Townes Accot, wch may be alwayes Kept for that number, and if after they have been fully Instructed, their Parents take them home, they Shall there Spin for the Master of the School at a Sett price.

6. That a Premium be allowed by the Town of five pounds for the first peice of Linnen Spun and Wove here (provided it be worth four Shilling p'yd) as adjudged by the Overseers.

7. That if the Town do not See cause either to build or Hire a house, they may yet give encourragement to Such as Will Sett up Such a School by allowing them two or three hundred pounds on good Security without Intrest, that they may be enabled to promote So good an Undertakeing, which wee conceive will be a very great advantage to us.

Subscribed by Daniel Oliver, Benja Fitch, Abram Blish, Francis Thresher, John Colman, Wm Payn.

At the above Sd Meeting of the Inhabitts of Boston, This report of the comittee being read, and after Some debate.

Voted. That the matter be continued for consideration untill the Annuall Meeting in March next, and that copies be printed for the use and perusall of the Inhabitts of the Town.

[**393.**] Voted. That if the Honble the court of Genll Sessions of the Peace See cause to to Erect and Establish a House of Correction in the Town of Boston for the County. That the Select men & the Over seers of the Poor for the time being or the Major part of them, together wth the Town Treasur. be Empowered to agree for a place to Erect the Same, by the Almes House or Else where on ye Townes Land.

At a meeting of the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly qualified, being Regulerly Assembled at the Town House in a Publick Town Meeting the 13th of March 1720

Elisha Cooke Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serue as Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted. that the Assessors for the year 1720, be further Impowred for the Space of Three Moneths next Insueing to make Such further abatements of the Rates by them apportioned as they Shal think needfull.

Voted. That the Town will chuse Assessor distinct from the Select men.

Samuel Checkley Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen Town Clarke (and Sworn).

Voted. that the Town will Chuse Seven Select men.

Elisha Cooke, Esq$^{r}$
Oliver Noyce Esqr$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ John Marion
Isaiah Tay
William Clork
Thomas Cushing
Ebenezer Clough

are Chosen to Serve as Select men for the year Ensueing.

Vote for a Regester of Deeds & 207 Votes were Sealed up Committed to Constable Joshua Cheever.

Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth is Chosen to Serue as Town Treasurer for the year Ensueing.

Voted for a County Treasurer, 189 votes were Sealed up & Comitted to Constable Joshua Cheever.

Officers chosen to Serve for the District of Rumny Marsh for the year Ensueing are as follows viz$^{t}$.

Joseph Bill as Constable & Sworn.
John Brintain
William Heasy

as fence Vewers.

Jacob Heasy
Isaa Lewis

as Hoggreeves.

William Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serue as Select man for the year Ensueing in the Room of m$^{r}$ Isaia Tay who refused.

Messu$^{es}$ Benjamin Hutchinson — Refus$^{d}$
John Yemans appeald
William Jones
Andrew Siggorney Jun$^{r}$
Job Lewis
Joshua Langdon
Benning Wentworth
Jonathan Sewall

are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year Ensuing.

[**394.**] Voted. That the Constables be allowed Three pence on the pound for Collecting the Rates, Provided they pay in the first halfe of the Sumes Comitted to them unto the respectiue Treasurers by the first day of februy next and also compleat & pay in the whole by the first day of June from thence next following. And that only, Such of the Constables, who Shal pay according to the times of payment as aforesaid are to be Intitled to the Said allowance of three pence on the Pound.

Mesu$^{es}$ Daniel Pounding
John Sundarland
David farnum
Jonathan Louring
John Edwards
John Dixwell
William Heasy for
Rumny Marsh, are Chosen to Serue as Assessors of the Rates & Taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted. That the Select men be Surveyors of the Highwayes for the year Ensuing.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Timothy Clark Esq$^{r}$
Mesu$^{es}$ John Ruck
James Gouch
John Legg
Timo Prout
Co$^{ll}$ John Alford
are Chosen to Serue as Overseers of the Poor.

John Orne
W$^{m}$ Jepson
James Pennyman
Jacob Mason
Elisha Storer
Chosen Sealers of Leather.

James Barnet
John Endicott
James Tileston
Thomas foster
Roger Stainer
John Jackson
are Chosen fence Vewers.

Voted an Adjornment of this meeting to tomorrow the 14$^{th}$ Cur$^{rt}$ at Eight of the Clock in the Moring.

14. March

The Inhabitants according to Adjornment being now Assem$^{d}$.

Mesu$^{es}$ John Endicott, W$^{m}$ Pain Thomas ffoster, Thomas Chamberlin, Will$^{m}$ Brown, Samll Whitwel, Joseph Russell, John Parmiter are Chosen to Serue as Vewers of Shingle, & Measurers of Boards, Plank & Timber for the Year Ensuing.

[**395.**] Sam$^{ll}$ Mattock Jun$^{r}$, John Hillier, Joseph Calf, John Dupee were Chosen to Serve as Hogg Reeves for the year ensueing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Nicholas Morecock
W$^{m}$ Parkman Jun$^{r}$
Andrew Tyler
W$^{m}$ Shipreeve
Jerami$^{a}$ Belknap
John Walley merc$^{t}$
Zech$^{l}$. Thare
John Briggs

are Chosen to Serve as Scavengers for the year Ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Henry Emms
Josiah franklin
Nathaniel Ayres
Will$^{m}$ Maycock
Sam$^{ll}$ Bill
Jeremi$^{a}$ Bumstead
Joseph Bass
John foreland

are Chosen to Serve as Tything men for the year ensuing.

Mesu$^{es}$ Elias Parkman
Thomas Brocks
Hopestill foster
Sam$^{ll}$ Gibbons
Samuel Blunt
Thomas Thatcher Brazier
Jacob Royall
Michael Shauler

are Chosen to Serve as Clarkes of Market for the year Ensuing.

Voted that the Select men and Such as they Shal desire to Assist them be Inspectors of the Gramer & Wrighting Schools for the year ensuing.

In the room & Stead of messu$^{es}$ Hutchinson, Yeammans, Jones, Siggorney, Langdon, & Sewal who have Refused to Serve as Constables.

Mesu$^{es}$ Christo Taylor
Joshua Wrow
John Mallet
Phillip Demerick
Jacob Calwell
Adam Leyland

are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the Year ensuing.

Voted that the Select men Enquire into the State of the Ames House and make their Report to the Town the May meeting.

Voted That Thomas Palmer Esq$^{r}$, W$^{m}$ Harris Esq$^{r}$ Anthony Stooddard Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Nathaniel Green & m$^{r}$ John Colman, or any three of them are Impowered to Audit The Treasurers acco$^{tt}$ for the year Ensuing.

In the Room & Stead of mesu$^{rs}$ Christo Taylor, Joshua Wrow, John Mallet, Phillip Demarick, Jacob Calwell, & Adam Leyland who have Refused to Serve as Constables

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| mesu$^{rs}$ | James Pecker | Sworn |
| | Jonathan Armitage | Sworn |
| | William Spikeman | Refused |
| | North Ingham | Sworn |
| | Isaac Lopez | Refused |
| | William Enges | Sworn |

are Chosen to Serue as Constables for the Year ensuing.

[**396.**] Voted That the Treasurer Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth be allowed and payed out of the Treasury the Sum of Thirty pounds for his Service in that office the year Past

Whereas through the Extream Scarcity of Publick Bills of

Credit both Publick and private affairs of this Town are & will be more and more Imbarrassed, and perplexed, & the Inhabitants hereof being Let into Lamentable Streights & Difficulties to Raise & pay into the Treasury Such Sums of Money as will necessarily be Demanded to Discharge School masters Salaries, maintain the Poor, and Defray all other the Contingent Charges of the Town for the ensuing year, unless Some Suitable means be found out to facilitate the Same And in as much as there is to be a Sessian of the Great & General Court or Assembly this week.

Wherefore Voted That the raising of money for Towns use, for this present year be deferred till the next Towns meeting for the Choice of Representatives, in hopes that that Honora^ble^ Assembly will at their approaching Session in their great Wisdom and Zeal for the good and Tranquility of the People whom they Represent, take Such Measures as will best Releiue them from their present growing Distress occasioned as aforesaid, and that it may now be given as an Instruction to the Gentle men that Represent this Town, to haue an especial Regard to that matter; and that they Joyne with the rest of that Honourable House in repeating their Endeavors with all diligence to accomplish the Same.

The above Written was Twice distinctly Read & Unanimously voted & ordered to be forthwith Printed.

In the Room and Stead of Will^m^ Spikeman & Isaac Lopez who Refused to Serue as Constables

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| Mesu^rs^ | Jonathan Simpson | Sworn |
| | francis Parnel | Refused |

are Chosen to Serue as Constables for the year ensuing.

In the Room & Stead of m^r^ francis Parnell who Refused to Serve as Constable.

m^r^ Joshua Louring is Chosen to Serue as Constable for the Year ensueing was Sworn.

Voted. that if m^r^ James Barnes make oath to his Acco^tt^ that he has Received but fourteen pounds & one Shill. and that he made no more of the Dock & wharfage, that then he be discharged from what was due for Rent of the Town Dock and wharf, untill the first day of march Currant. He paying the Said Sum to the Treasurer.

[**397.**] Voted that the Proposal for Leather Buckets be Refered unto the meeting in May. That Anthony Underwoods Petion for Releif be Refered to the Overseers of the Poor.

Voted that the Select men be Impowered to Let by Leace not Exceeding the term of Twenty one years a parcel of the Towns marsh with upland adjoying, upon the South ward of the Creek which runs up to the South east Corner of the Salt pond on the East Side of the Country Road on Boston neck as by a Comittes Report march the 8^th^ Currant.

Voted that Two good & Sufficient Watchmen be added to the Watch in Boston and that there be Two of the Watchmen every night Imployed to watch the South ent of the Town and more Espesially at the fortification.

Voted that m^r^ Benjamin Gibson be allowed & Paid out of The Treasury the Sum of fifty Pounds for his Services as Usher of the

Grammer School (wherof m^r Nath^ll Williams is master) Ending the Second of may next.

Voted. That the Select men with the Committee formerly appointed by the Town haue power to Let out, without Interest a sum not exceeding Three hundred pounds not exceeding Seven years (Out of the fifteen hundred pounds of the Towns money appropriated for the buying of Grain) to Such Person or Persons as Shal give good Real Security for it, and to Imploy it for Carrying on Spinning in this Town. And then to Return to the Town for the use aforesaid.

Voted That the Committe appointed to meet with a Comittee of the Sessions about Selling a peece of Land for a House of Correction for the County, are further Impowered to Sell fifteen or Twenty foot more if it be needed the County paying for it.

Voted that the Select men are Empowred to Let a Peice of the Towns Land upon the South-East Side of fort Hill (which Cap^t Hatch Petitioned to Hire) to him or any other.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly quallified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House on fryday the Twelfth day of May 1721.

Elisha Cooke Esq^r is Chosen to Serve as moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the Town will proceed to Chuse 4 Representatives to Serue for and Represent them in a great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be held & keept upon wensday the 31th day of May Instant &c.

[398.] Number of Voters Present being 247.

| | votes. |
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| John Clark Esq^r | 235 |
| Elisha Cooke Esq^r | 233 |
| m^r Will^m Clark | 233 |
| W^m Hutchinson Esq^r | 223 |

were Chosen to Serve as Representatives for this Town in the Great & General Court or Assembly to be held at Boston upon Wensday the 31^th of May Currant and during their Sessian & Sessians.

Cap^t Nathaniel Green is Chosen to Serve in the Room of Oliver Noyce Esq^r Dece^d a late Select man.

W^m Parkman Jun^r, Chosen to Serve as Constable for the year ensuing in the room of Bining Wentworth who Refused to Serve.

Voted that the Select men be desired to take Care of the Stores belonging to the Town of Boston in the South and North Batterys &c.

Voted an adjornment of this meeting untill Three of the Clock this afternoon & then Assembled.

Voted that the Motion about Lether Buckets be dismist.

Voted that a Comitte be chosen to draw up Instructions for the Representatives of this Town in the Sessians of the General Court in may Currant and present them to the Town at the Adjornment of this meeting.

mr Ezekiel Lewis
Wm Pain Esqr
mr John Marian
mr Thomas Cushing
Mr Ebenezer Clough
Capt Nathll Green
Edward Hutchinson Esqr

Are Chosen for the Comitte Aforesaid.

Voted a grant of Two Thousand & Seven hundred pounds be Raised on the Inhabitants & Residents of this Town for defraying the Necessary Charges of the Town for the Year Ensuing.

Voted that the Sum of One hundred pounds of the aforesaid money be Improued towards paving in the Town.

[**399.**] Voted that it be left with the Select men to Act on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitans about Paving in Prince Street, to Act as they Shal find proper, Provided they doe not alow them more then One third part of the Pavement.

Voted that the Select men be Desired and Directed to wait upon His Excellency the Govornor and pray him to Call a Councell in Order to Advise about the Sea-horse man of war, being Sent down to Spectacle Island and, Pursuant to a Law of this Province to prevent (God willing) the Spreading of the Smal Pox in this Town & Province, Two or three men being Sick of that Distemper on board the Said Ship now in the Harbor.

Voted that this meeting be adjorned untill Monday the 22th day of may Currant.

May the 22th The Inhabitants According to the Adjornment being now Assembled.

The Comitte appointed to draw up Instructions for the Representatives of the Town of Boston met at the Town house of Boston the 16th, 18th, & 19th Dayes of may 1721. And Propose

1. That they Indeavor to maintain all our Civel Rights and Properties against any Incrochments upon them.

2ly. That they Promote the Passing Such Acts & Laws as may Encourage the Trade, Husbandry and manufacture in the Province as by continuing out Such a number of Bills as may be necessary for the trade of it.

By encoraging the raising of Good winter wheat & allowing a Premium to those that Shal bring it to markitt.

By Encoraging the Raising of flax & a Premium for it.

By Promoting the manufacturing of the flax raised in the Province, and giving a Reward to those that Shal make the best peeces of Linnin in Each County.

3ly. That they promote the Passing of an Act to Prevent the Destruction and wast of the woods and Timber Growing or Lying on the Lands beloning to the Province not appropriated.

4ly That they Promote a Law for the Reguler raising of Souldiers when there is Occasion for them and for Preventing all false musters.

5ly That they Labor to haue the Right of this Province in and to the River, Comonly called Piscataqua River, asserted and Main-

tained, to hinder the unreasonable Impositions, Exacted by the Naval Officer of the Government of New Hampsheir from the Inhabitants of this Province.

6ly. That if the Payment of the Thousand pounds Starling advanced by the Agent & mr Belcher be again moved for payment, they use their utmost Indeavor that the Same be not granted, because Such a Presedent [**400.**] will be Attended with many inconveniences.

7ly. That whereas in the late printed remarkes on the Bills against Riots &c The Town of Boston Seems to be asperced as if they were inclined to Riots & Tumults where as we presume, that the people of this Town & Province may Justly Claim the title of being as Loyal, Peacable and Desirous of good order as any of his Majesties Subjects whatsoever. It is therfore Recomended that they use their Intrest to prevent the Passing of any Such Bills if they Should be brought forward, and take care to vindicate this People from any unjust aspersions that are or may be cast upon them.

8ly. That in all Elections they chuse those that haue Shown a tender regard for our Charter Priviledges & Prefer the publick before their Privat Intrest.

9ly. That they promote Some further Law Effectually to enable the Select men of Each Town, to prevent the Spreading of any Infectious Sickness among them.

10. That they Oppose the granting any more of the Publick lands either to any perticuler Persons for their own use or to a Nomber of Persons for A Township, till the Town of Boston and other Towns that haue not had their Proportion be Allowed an equivalent or till the Assembly come to a genral Division of the wast Lands of this Province.

Eze. Lewis Wm Payne Nathll Green
John Marian
Thomas Cushing

The ten foregoeing Proposalls were Several times Read over and each of them voted to be Instructions to the Representatives at the Genneral Court at their approching Sessions in may Currant.

Voted that the Petition of mr Timothy Thornton, about the Town wharf Hired by Him be Refered to the Select men and they are Impowered to Ishue that whol affare, and of the Rent of it with him.

mr Timothy Thornton then Ingaged to Stand to and abide by what they Should Determine.

Voted that the Commitee which drawed up the Instructions haue Thanks.

[**401.**] At a Meeting of the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly qualified & Regurly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town-house on Wednesday the Second day of August 1721.

Elisha Cook Esqr is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for this Present meeting.

Voted that the Town will proceed to the choyce of four persons to Represent them at the Great and Genll Assembly.

Number of Voters Present being 322

| | Votes. |
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| John Clark Esq$^{r}$ | 261 |
| Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ | 262 |
| m$^{r}$ William Clark | 259 |
| William Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ | 265 |

were Chosen to Serve as Representatives for this Town in the Great and Gen$^{ll}$ Court or assembly to be held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty third day of August Currant & during their Sessian & Sessians.

Voted that there Should be Instructions given to the Representatives.

Voted that the Same Persons that that were the Comitte Chosen for that Service may the 12$^{th}$ last past be the Comitte viz$^{t}$.

m$^{r}$ Ezek$^{ll}$ Lewis
m$^{r}$ John Marion
m$^{r}$ Ebenezer Clough
W$^{m}$ Pain Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing
Cap$^{t}$ Nath$^{ll}$ Green &
Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$.

Voted that Cap$^{t}$ Nathaniel Jarvies Late Constable Shal haue the alowance of Three pence on the pound for his Collecting the Rates the year past.

In the Room of Cap$^{t}$ Phillip Demerick who is gon to Sea John White Marrener is Chosen as one of the Constables for the year ensueing.

m$^{r}$ John White Came and made his Excuse to the Town that he had Received Several wounds by Gun Shot in Sundry parts of his Body.

Voted that the Said John White is Excused Serving Constable for this year.

m$^{r}$ Samuel Avis is Chosen to Serve as one of the Constables the Remaining part of this year.

Voted that this meeting be adjorned until fryday the Eleventh of Aug$^{st}$ Currant at five of the Clock after noon, then to Receive the Comittees proposals for Instructions. And to finish the afair of a Constable.

[**402.**] Anno 1721 August the Eleventh.

The Inhabitants According to Adjornment being assembled.

The Comitte presented as followeth viz$^{t}$.

To John John Clark, Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ m$^{r}$ William Clark and William Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$

Your known Loyalty to King George & Sincere attachment to the Succession in the Illustrious House of Hannover your Hearty Loue to your native Country, your Singuler value for the Liberties & Properties of this People, your Chearfull and unanimous Concurrence to promote our best Intrest; and your approved Integrity in those Publick Stations wherin you haue bin Employed having fixed the Eyes of this Town on & Determined their choice off you as proper persons to Repesent them in the next General

Assembly, wherin they Expect that you behaue your Selves with your wonted zeal and Courage in Prosecuting those good Designes which may tend to the Peace and welfair of these his Majesties good Subjects and Secure those Rights & Priviledges which by the Royal Charter we haue a Just Claim to, and as true men doe of Right appertain unto us, and agreeable there unto we Recomend unto you in an Espesial Manner.

That you Peruse the late Instructions given to our Representatives at the Last Choice, And Endeavor to promote what is there Recomended to them, that has not bin passed upon in the late Assembly.

That you vigorously endeavor that an act made to prevent the Importation of any goods from any place Infected with the Pestilence or Plague that may convey that deadly distemper and that whoever Imports or Receives any goods from any Ship or Vessell that may arive from an Infected and dangerous place be deemed a felon & Suffer accordingly.

That you be not deterred by any frowns or threats from maintaining what in you lyes our Charter priviledges as well as the Honour, Dignity & Priviledges of the Honourable House of Representatives and Preserving the Just & Laudable usages & Customs of Reserving the allowances & Gratuities untill the Acts, Elections &c. be fully Compleated & Signed by his Excellency.

That you Readily Joyn with the House in taking the best Method to Curb the Insolencies of the Eastern Indians, and encourage the Inhabitants to return by protecting our Infant Settlements from their Barberous Insults.

That you continue to pay a due Regard to his [**403.**] Excellency our Governour and thankfully acknowledge his good Services for this people that may come to your knowledge, and withal when you come to grant allowances that you doe not forgett the growing Difficulties that we at this day labor under, and that poverty is coming upon us as an armed man.

If any missunderstanding Should happen between the Honourable the Councel & the House of Representatives we Recomend a fair and free debate & friendly Conferance (when you find it proper) as the best way for an accommodation according to the practice of our Nation, where It[s] worthy of Observation and Imitation that the usual practice in the Debates between the Lords & Comons Is for the King to be absent or behind the Curtain that So non may be Influenced or awed to Interrupt that freedom of Speech whis is so highly approved by them.

Since it is Asserted in the Governors Speech to the last General Assembly that french Silks & Stuffs are Comonly brought into this Province, we desire that there may be a Discouery made of al Such Persons as Import them If any there be that they may be prosecuted according to Law, and this People in General Vindicated from Such an Aspersion as Seems to be cast upon them.

The foregoeing Proposals presented by the Comitte were Sundry times Read over and each of them voted to be Instructions to the Representatives of this Town (to whom they are directed) at the General Court or Assembly at their approching Sessian in August Currant.

Being Put to Vote whether the Instructions foregoeing Should be printed at the Charg of the Town.

Passed in the Negative.

At a meeting of the free holders Inhabitants in the Town of Boston duly qualified & Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House on fryday the Twenty Second of Sep^t Anno Dom 1721

Elisha Cook Esq^r is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

[**404.**] Voted to take out the Towns Proportion of the fifty Thousand Pounds.

Voted that the Sum of five hundred pounds of the Nine Thousand One hundred Sixty-five pounds which is the Towns proportion of the fifty Thousand pounds be forth with put into the hand of the Town Treasurer for One year to answar the Draughts which Shal be made upon him by the Overseers of the Poor and then to be paid in to the Trustees.

Voted that the Towns Proportion of the abov said money Except the five hundred pounds before mentioned be by Trustees put forth upon Intrest.

Voted that Said Money be let out at five Per Cent. P^r. Annum.

Voted that the Said Money Shal be Let out upon Real Security Only.

Voted that in the Letting out of the Said Money no one Person Shal haue more then One hundred pounds, nor less then the Sum of Twenty five pounds.

Voted that the Security which Shal be taken for the Said Sums Shal not be less then duble the value of the Sum taken up.

Voted that the Estates which Shal be morgaged for taking out the Said Sums Shal be Such as are within the Town of Boston, and no Regard Shal be had to the buildings upon them.

Voted that the Trustees to be Chosen to Manage the aforesaid money Shal haue for their Service one fifth part of the Neat produce of the Intrest of it.

Voted that in Chuseing the Said Trustees, the five persons that haue the most Votes Shal be the Persons Chosen.

m^r John Ruck
Thomas Palmer Esq^r
m^r William Clark
William Payn Esq^r &
m^r Ezek^ll Lewis

Are Chosen by the majar Votes & all Sworn.

Voted that the Trustees pay in to the Town Treasurer four fifth parts of the Neat Profits of the Intrest of the Said money from time to time.

[**405.**] At a Meeting of the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly qualified & Regulerly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town house on fryday the Twentieth Octo^r 1721.

m^r Jonas Clark was Chosen & Sworn to Serve as a Constable in the Room & Steed of m^r Joshua Loring Deceaced.

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly quallified & Regulerly assembled in the Town house On Saterday the fourth of Novemb^r 1721.

m^r Ezekiel Lewis was Chosen to Serve as Moderator for the Present Meeting.

Voted that that whosoever Shal come into this Town of Boston from any other Town Presumpteously to bring the Smal Pox on him or her selfe, or be Inoculated, Shal be forthwith Sent to the Hospital or pest house, unles they See cause to depart to their own home or if any Person be found in Town under that operation, which may be an Occasion of Continuing a malignant Infection and Increacing it, among us, that they be Remoued Imediatly Least by alowing this practis the Town be made an Hospital for that which may prove worse then the Smal pox, which has already put So many into mourning, And that the Justices & Select men be desired to put the Method abouesaid in practis without Delay as the Law Directs.

Voted that the aboue vote be forth with printed at the Charg of the Town.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to Return the Thankes of this Town to those Several Towns that manifested their kindness and Christean Compasion to this Town in what they Sent for the Releif of the Distrest here.

[**406.**] At a Meeting of the freeholders, Inhabitants in the Town of Boston duly qualified & Regularly Assembled in a Publick meeting at the Town House on fryday the 19^th of Janua^ry Anno Dom̄. 1721.

Addington Davenport Esq^r is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for the present meeting.

Voted that the Trustees which were chosen for the Letting out the Towns Proportion of the fifty Thousand pounds Haue Liberty to let out greater Sums to One person then they had by the former Vote.

That they haue liberty to let out any Sum not Exceeding One hundred pounds to one person upon Personal Security.

That they haue Liberty to let out greater Sums to Persons Either upon Real or personal Security then they had before.

That they haue Liberty to Let out either upon Real or personal Security any Sum not Exceeding five hundred Pounds to One person.

That the Trustees Shal give their atendance the two next weeks, to take the names of Such persons that offer to take up the money and the Sums they desire.

That the Trustees at their next meeting may proceed to Lett out the money not Exceeding One hundred pounds to one person, But that no greater Sum be Lett out untill the Expiration of a fortnight from monday next.

That in Letting out the money Either the Principal or One of the Sureties Shal haue a Real Estate in this Town to that value.

[407.] At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly qualified being Regulerly assembled in a publick Town Meeting at the Town-house March the 12th 1721.

Voted, that Elisha Cook Esqr be Moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the Town will Chuse Assesor distinct from Select men.

Voted the Town will Chuse Seven Select men.

Elisha Cook Esqr
mr Thomas Cushing
Capt Nathanll Green
mr Ebenezer Clough
mr William Clark
mr John Marion &
mr Isaiah Toy,

are Chosen to Serve as Select men for the year ensuing.

Samuel Checkley Esqr is Chosen to Serve as Town Clark (& Sworn).

Capt Joseph Wadsworth is Chosen to Serve as Town Treasurer.

Votes for County Treasurer Sealed up and Comitted to Constable Jonas Clark were 170 Votes.

Voted that this Meeting be adjorned to Three of the Clock after noon, and then being assembled.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to goe to Rumny Marsh and Vew the place proposed to Set a Corn mill upon, and make Report thereof the next meeting.

Voted that the Present Select men together with mr Joseph Belcher an Inhabitant of Rumny Marsh be the Surveyers, of the High wayes for the Town of Boston the year ensuing.

Voted for Officers for Rumny Marsh vizt

mr Elisha Tuttle Chose Constable (& Sworn).
Samll Watts
Tho. Pratt Senr

Chosen fence Vewers.

John Whittemore Junr
Thomas Pratt Junr

Chosen Hoggreeves.

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| Messues | Giles Dulak Titmash | Sworn |
| | James Watson | Excused |
| | francis Gatcom | paid |
| | Thoas Ammery | paid |
| | James Pennyman | Paid |
| | John Stone | Sworn |
| | Willm Knock | appeald |
| | John Richards | Sworn |

are Chosen to Serve as Constables for the year ensuing.

James Watson appeared and declared he was quickly bound to Sea.

Voted that James Watson is Excused for this year as Constable.

Voted that the Town will Chuse Seven Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

[408.] Daniel Oliver Esqr
Timothy Clark Esqr

mr John Ruck
mr James Gouch
mr Jonathan Woldo
mr Timothy Prout
mr John Legg
are Chosen to Serue as Overseers of the poor the year ensuing.

Messues Daniel Pouning
John Sundarland
David farnum
Jonathan Louring
John Edward
John Dixwel
John floyd of Rumny Marsh
are Chosen Assessors.

Messues Jacob Mason
Jonan farnum
Silence Allin
William Gipson
Ezekiel Walker
are Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Messues Roger Stainer
Thomas Jackson
Joseph Rix
John Endicott
Thomas Barnett
Thomas foster
are Chosen fence Vewers.

Messues Thomas Gooding
Job Coite
John Hillier
Sampson Dure
John Tyler paid
John Johnson, Carpendr
Joseph Russell, Carpendr
John White, mariner
Charles Morris
are Chosen Clarks of the markett

Daniel Chever
Thomas Lesenbee
John Clark, Chandler
Alexander fullerton
Chosen Hoggreeves.

Voted that this Meeting be adjorned to Tuesday the 13th at Eight of the Clock forenoon, & being Conveined

Voted that the Consideration of Raising Money be Refered to the Next Meeting for Chose of Representatives.

[409.] Messues Joshua Henshew
Zecha Thare
William Young
Phillip Bongarden
Benja Emmans
Andrew Tyler

Benjam̄ Brunsdon
Elias Parkman
Are Chosen to Serve as Scavengers.
Roger Stainer
Elezer Starr
Will$^{m}$ Pain Joyner
Thomas foster
William Brown
Joseph Russell
Joseph Parmiter
Moses Eyres
are chosen for Vewers of Shingles & mesurers of Boards & Timber etc.
John Clough
W$^{m}$ Cowel
Robert Patishal
Corne$^{s}$ Thare
John Pitts merc$^{t}$
David Edwards
Edward Pell
Tho Townsend Sen$^{r}$
Sam$^{ll}$ Adams
W$^{m}$ Wheeler
Jon$^{a}$ Jackson
John Hunt
John Conibal
John Maverick
John Burt
John Goldthwait
are Chosen to Serve as Tythingmen.

Voted that Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth Treasurer of the the Town be alowed and paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of fifty pounds for his Service in that office in the year past.

Messu$^{rs}$ Thomas Downs payd
John Brown Excused
James Alford paid
John Bruster Excusd
John Albertnet appeld
are Chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted that Mess$^{rs}$ John Colman, Cornelius Waldo, Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ Henry Deering and William Welsted Esq$^{r}$ be a Comitte to Audit the Treasurers acco$^{tt}$ for the year Insuing.

Voted that the Select men with Such others as they Shal desire to goe with them be the Inspectors of the free Schools.

Voted that the Select men be Impowred to Remoue the obstructions of the way at the Lower End of milke Street.

Voted that the Graineryes be continued to be hired as formerly.

[**410.**] Voted that the three hundred pounds granted to be let upon Real Security, (out of the apropriated money to be Improved for Spining, may be Lett upon Personal Security Such as is to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

Voted that the Remaining Twelve hundred pounds appropriated

for Purchasing grain be all of it Improved for that use and at Such Seasons as the Select men se best.

In answer to the Petition of the Constables of the Town Setting forth the Difficultys of their Gathering in the Rates by Reason of the Distressing Circomstances of Sundry Pesons as Set forth in their Petition.

Voted that Three months be further alowed to the Said Constables for their Collecting Said Rates on the Inhabitants So Circomstanced, And that the Assessors be alowed to make abatements three months longer, then before As also the Three pence on the pound to the Constables for the Same time for Collecting Said Rates.

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| Mesu$^{rs}$ | Jonathan Bull | payd |
| | John Harwood | Payd |
| | Jeram Clemans | Excusd |
| | Bryan Parrott | Pay'd |
| | W$^{m}$ Greenleif | Payd |

were Chosen to Serue as Constables.

Voted that Cap$^{t}$ Eleazer Darby, m$^{r}$ Beñja Gallop, & m$^{r}$ John Marion be a Comitte to Consider that part of the Petition about Wood & Cole and Lay their proposals before the Town the next meeting.

Voted that that part of the Petitions about providing Sisterns to Keep water for time of fire. Dismist.

The Petition of m$^{r}$ Timothy Thornton for further abatments being Read And the question being put whether the Town would further Consider it.

Voted in the negative.

Upon Reading the Several Petitions about the South School and m$^{r}$ Anger.

Voted that the Select men with Such others as they Shal take with them doe visset the Said School and Enquire into that affair and make Report thereof at the next Geñeal meeting.

In answer to the Petition of Thomas Giles for abatment of the Rent of Winny-Simmet ferry for Reasons there Set down.

Voted that the Said Thomas Giles be abated the Sum of fifteen pounds of the Said Rent and that the Treasurer alow it him accordingly.

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| mes$^{rs}$ | Grafton fever$^{yr}$ | Sworn |
| | Elias Parkman | Excud |
| | Gilbert Warner | Sworn |

were Chosen Constables.

[411.] Upon Reading of a Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for the Inlarging of a Part of Ann Street.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to make Enquiry into that afeir whether it be an Incrochment and make Report therof at the next meeting.

Upon Reading of a Petition or Memorial of Sundry of the Inhabitants about Repairing or Securing the South Battry.

Voted that John Clark, Esq$^{r}$ Timothy Clark Esq$^{r}$, Habj Svage Esq$^{r}$, Cap$^{t}$ John Charnock & m$^{r}$ Owen Harris be a Comitte to Enquir into that afare and also into the Circonstances of the

North Battry and make Report therof the next General Meeting.

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| Mess$^{rs}$ | Sam$^{ll}$ Torry | Sworn |
| | James Howard | Sworn |
| | John Barton | appeald |
| | Thomas Price | Excus'd |

were Chosen to Serve as Constables.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to Enquire into the Quitt Rents belonging to the Town & make Report to the next General Meeting.

m$^{r}$ Moses Pearce was Chosen Constaple and he Declared he would pay.

m$^{r}$ John Done was Chosen Constable & Sworn.

Voted that the Constables be alowed three pence upon the Pound for Collecting the Rates provided they pay the first halfe of the Sums Comitted to them to Collect unto the Respective Treasurers by the first day of february next and also Compleat and pay in the wholl by the first day of June thence next Ensuing.

Voted that there be new Books procured for Entring Jurors Names & who Serves at the Several Courts.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly quallified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House in Boston upon Tuesday the 15$^{th}$ of May 1722.

Voted that Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ be Moderator for this present meeting.

Voted that the Town will proceed to Chuse 4 Representatives to Serve for and Represent them in a great and Genneral Court or Assembly appointed to be held and Keept upon Wednesday the 30$^{th}$ day of May Currant &.$^{c}$.

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| Number of Voters Present being | 205 |
| John Clark Esq$^{r}$ votes | 188 |
| Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ | 177 |
| m$^{r}$ William Clark | 158 |
| m$^{r}$ Isaiah Tay | 155 |

were Chosen to Serve as Representatives.

[412.] The Return of the Comitte about m$^{r}$ Ames Anger & the South School viz$^{t}$

Persuant to the directions of the freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town at their Annual meeting in March last.

Co$^{ll}$ Pen Townsend, Jeramiah Allen Esq$^{r}$, & m$^{r}$ John Edwards together with the Select men. Vissitted the wrighting School at the Southerly End of Boston on Thirsday the 24$^{th}$ ap$^{ll}$ 1722. and Examined the Scholars under m$^{r}$ Ames Angers tuition as to their proficiency in Reading writing Scyphering & the masters ability of teaching & Instructing youth & his Rules & methods therefore. And are of Opinion That it will be no Service to the Town to Continue, m$^{r}$ Anger in that Employ.

ELISHA COOK P$^{r}$ order.

The question being put whether m$^{r}$ Ames Anger Should be continued School master in the Said South School.

Voted in the Negative.

Voted that the aforesaid Committe be desired and Impwred to provide for the Present an able & Sutable master for Said School.

Voted that a gard be forthwith Set at the House of m$^{r}$ Joseph Hubbard Blacksmith to prevent the Removal of m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Sewal and Sundry others at Said House without orders & Direction of of the Select men they having bin Inoculated for the Smal Pox.

Voted also that there be a gard Set at the House of Co$^{ll}$ John Alford for the Same Reason m$^{rs}$ Joana Alford being there and having Inoculated.

Voted that this meeting be adjorned untill Three of the Clock after noon. at which time they again Assembled.

In answar to the Petition of the Inhabitants of Rumny Marsh for Liberty for a corn mill.

The Select men by their Committe, having Vewed the place petioned for Erecting a Corn mill.

Are of Opinion that the Petitioners haue liberty to Erect a Corn mill there, Provided they or the Under takers of Said Mill Indemnifie the Town of Boston, from any Damage don, by Setting up damms or any other works belonging to the mill, to any propriety, or lands either below at aboue the place asigned for the Mill.

Voted that the Report of the Committe be accepted and that the inhabitants haue Liberty accordingly.

Voted that a message be Sent to Coll John Alford (by Doc$^{tr}$ Byleston & Constable Titmarsh) to acquaint him that the Select men Doe Assigne Spectakle Island to be [the] place his Sister be forthwith Remoued unto.

[**413.**] Sam$^{ll}$ Mattock Jun$^{r}$
Robert Williams.

were Chosen for Clark of the market in the Roome of Thomas Gooding & Charles Morris who payd their fines.

In answar to the Petition of Jonathan Williams and Joshua Wroe Execut$^{rs}$ of the Last will & Testament of Will$^{m}$ Webster Late of Boston, deceaced. Praying that the Slip of Land petioned for by them may be Sold to them upon Reasonable termes as m$^{r}$ Webster in his life time obtained his Leased premises.

Voted that the Select men be Impowred to agree with Said Williams & Wroe and Execute Deeds for Said Land.

Voted that what money the Said Land sels for be Invested in a Real Estate for the Town.

In answar to the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for the Inlarging Some part of Ann Street as ther Setforth.

Voted that there be alowed and payd out of the Treasury the Sum of One Hundred pounds for the Said End when and So soone as the work is finished & Perfected.

Voted that there be a Committe Chosen to draw up Instructions for the Representatives and lay them before the Town for their approbation at the Adjornment.

Will$^{m}$ Payne Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ Ezekiel Lewis
m$^{r}$ John Marion
m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing

mr James Gooch
mr Ebenr Clough &
Capt Nathaniel Green
were chosen for the Said Committee.

Voted that this meeting be adjorned to fryday the 18th of May Currant at Three afternoon.

At which time they again Assembled.

Voted that the Select men are Impowered to Sell the Quitt Rents belonging to the Town of Boston, Such of them as are for perpetuity, provided they can Sel them for not less then thirty years purchass to be paid unto the Treasury, The produce to be Invested in a Real Estate for the Towns use.

The Report of the Committe to Consider of the Circomstances of the South & north Battryes being Read.

Voted that the Sconce be Shingled & otherwise Secured from the wethers beating in and from Theives breaking in to Steal and wast the Powder and other Stores of War Lodged there of Considerable value.

Voted that the Iron and other things belonging to the Carages of the Gunns &c be Secured in the Sconce, [414.] to prevent their being Stolen or lost, and that the Great Gunns be Secured upon Skids &c.

Voted that the Select men be Desired & Impowred to Remoue the Incumbrances & Anoyances which are upon the Towns Land before mr Gales Land and home to the Sconce.

Voted for the North Battery, That the fence be Set upright and that the Gates thereof be Hang'd and that it be Clapboarded, where the Clapbords are torn off.

Voted a grant of One hundred pounds for paving in the Street in Such places as the Select men Shal appoint.

Voted that there be the Sum of Two thousand five Hundred pounds Raysed and paid into the Treasury for defraying the Necessary Charges of the Town for the year Ensuing.

The Committe for Instructions Presented as follows vizt

To John Clark & Elisha Cook Esqrs Messrs Willm Clark & Isaiah Tay Gentm

The Town of Boston, hauing made choice of you to Represent them in the next great & General Assembly.

Confiding in your fidelity & Diligence to promote the best good and well fair of this People, Doe therfore Recommend to you the Perusal & prosecution of the Instructions that were given to their Representatives the Last year, Such of them as haue not bin passed upon by the Late General Assembly.

We also in a Special manner Recommend to your Concideration what Refers to the preventing the Spreading of any Contagious Distemper And wheras the Inoculating or Transplanting of the Smal pox has of late bin practised among us to the Terror of many of the Inhabitants.

We desire you to use your best Endeavor that it may be under a propper Regulation, and not practissed in any Town or place without the approbation of the Select men of Such Town. And

in as much as there has bin some late Dispute about the meaning of the Law that Refers to preventing the Spreading of the Smal pox &c. Whether the Selectmen haue full power to doe what is needfull to prevent the Spreading of any contagious distemper and Remoue persons that may be Infected. It is therefore proposed that the Select men of Every Town may be Clothed [**415.**] with full power to obtain the great End & Designe of that Law, which is for the Preservation, Health, and Safty, of the Inhabitants.

Boston May 17th 1722

By Order of the Committe

Wm. PAYNE.

The foregoeing proposals presented by the Committe were Sundry times Read and Voted to be Instructions to the Representatives of this Town (to whom they are Directed) at the Genneral Court or assembly at their approching Session in May Currant.

At a Meeting of the free holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly quallified being Regurly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House in Boston upon fryday Octobr the 19th 1722.

Voted Elisha Cook Esqr be moderator this meeting.

Messrs Jonathan Brown &
Erasmus Stephens.

Are Chosen to Serue as Constables for the Remaining part of this year in the Room of mr John Richards & John Done who are gone to Sea.

Upon a Representation to the Town made by the Select men that they had vissitted the Sconce According to the Towns Vote May the 15th And they find it So much out of Repair and the foundation and Stone work So bad, and that it would cost So much to Repair, That it would be best that a Committe be Chosen to Vew it and Compute the Charge before they further proceed.

Voted. That the Select men be a Comitte to make Inspection into the State of the Said Sconce and make a Calculation of what the Charge will be to Repair it, and Lay it before the Town at their Next Meeting.

At a Meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a publick Town meeting at the Thown house march the 11th 1722.

Voted that Elisha Cook Esqr be Moderater for this meeting.

Voted to Chuse Assessor distinct from the Select men.

[**416.**] Elisha Cook Esqr
mr John Marion
mr Isaiah Tay
mr Thomas Cushing
mr William Clark
mr Ebenezer Clough
Capt Nathaniel Green

Are Chosen Select men for the year Insuing.

Samuel Checkley Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn.

Cap Joseph Wadsworth Chosen Town Treasurer & Sworn.

Voted that the Select men be Surveyers of High ways, for the year Insueing.

m$^{r}$ Ezekiel Lewis is Chosen for a Select man in the Roome of m$^{r}$ W$^{m}$ Clark who Refused to Serve.

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| Estes Clark | apeld to ses |
| Joseph Brandon | Excus$^{d}$ |
| Henry Whitten | Sworn |
| Hugh Hall | Excus$^{d}$ |
| John Cox | paid |
| John Eyre | Excused |
| Edward Bromfield | Excu$^{d}$ |
| Sam$^{l}$ Waldo | Paid |

are Chosen Constables for the year Insuing

Voted, That m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Watts Joyn with the Select men to be a Surveyer of High wayes at Rumny Marsh.

Voted for Officers for Rumny Marsh viz$^{t}$.

Nathaniel Tuttle — Constable — Sworn.
Hugh floyd
John Whittemore
fence Veiwers
Jacob Chamberlin
John Lave Hogg Reeves.

Voted this Meeting be adjorned untill three of the Clock afternoon. And being met.

Hugh Hall Declared that He was in Comition of the Peace in the Island of Barbadoes.

Voted that Hugh Hall Esq$^{r}$ be Excused from being Constable for the Reason aforesaid.

Voted for the County Treasurer 171 Votes & Sealed up & Delivered to Constable Erasmus Stephens.

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| John Hubbard | paid |
| And$^{w}$ Cunningham | Sworn |
| John Buttolph | payd |
| Samuel Gibbons | payd |
| Henry Coswell | payd |
| Samuel Hill | Sworn |
| Samuel Weekes | payd |

Chosen Constables.

[**417.**] Voted to Chuse 7 Assessors One where of to be an Inhabitant at Rumny Marsh.

messu$^{rs}$ Daniel Pouning
John Sunderland
David farnum
Jonathan Louring
John Edwards
John Dixwell
John floyd R. Marsh

Chosen Assessors for the year Insuing.

Voted this meeting be adjorned untill Tuesday at Eight of the Clock in the morning.

The Town being then mett.

Voted That the Selectmen be Directed and Impwred to take Effectuall care that Milk Street be keept open, and free down to the Sea or Beach and that all Incombrances lying thereon be forthwith Remoued.

Voted that the Select men doe not Suffer the Ship builders or any other Trades men to Incomber the Streets, or any part there of by Laying Timber or any other materials there on for any longer time then the Town Order or Law alowes of.

Rowland Houghton paid
James Cary Sworn
Ephraim Hunt paid
Edward Durant Sworn
Will$^{m}$ Alden Excused

Chosen Constables.

Voted to proseed to Chuse the Overseers of the Poor by a written Vote.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Tim$^{o}$ Clark Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ John Ruck
m$^{r}$ Tim$^{o}$ Prout
m$^{r}$ John Legg
m$^{r}$ James Gouch
Cap$^{t}$ Henry Deering

Chosen Overseers of the Poor.

Ezekiel Walker
Sam$^{ll}$ Eaton
Elisha Story
Silence Allin
Joshua Chever

Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Thomas Townsend Sworn
William Maycock paid

Chosen Constables.

[418.] John Endicott
John Demerry
Roger Stainer
William Bestow
Thomas foster
Joseph Rickes

Chosen fence viewars.

William Pollard
Samuel Peack
John Hobby
John Johnson

Chosen Hogg Reeves.

Henry Gibbons Sworn
John Boudry Sworn
Charles Gyles Sworn
Benja Brunsdon paid
John Adams Sworn
Peter Britton Sworn
Richard Sherren Sworn

Joseph White Sworn.

Chosen Clerks of the markett.

Capt David Mason
mr James Pennyman
Coll Stephen Minott
mr Benja Snelling
mr Jerā Belknap
mr Andrew Tyler
mr Benjā Bridge
mr Samll Burnell

Chosen Scavengers.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to prepare a Draft for the Better Regulating Indians, Negroes & Melattoes, to lay before the Town for their Consideration at the next Generall meeting.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to appoint and Impower Two Discreet persons to take care that the By Laws and orders of this Town be observed, and to Inform of all Breaches thereof.

That they take Espesial care to keep the Indians, Negroes, & Melattoes in Good Order, and Se that the Province Law Respecting them be Attended.

That the Streets be Keept Clean, and Inform of the Breach of Law as by the Act of Reformation of maners &c. is directed.

Voted. That there be alowed and Paid to mr Nathanll Williams Master of the first Gramer Scholl as his Salary the Sum of One Hundred & fifty Pounds per Annum.

[**419.**] Voted That the Assessors for the year 1722 be further Impowred for the Space of three months next ensuing to make Such further abatements of the Rates by them apportioned as they Shal find needfull.

Voted, That the Constables be alowed three pence upon the pound for Collecting the Rates, Provided they pay in the first half of the Sums Comitted to them by the first day of February next and also compleat and pay in the whole sum Comitted to them to the Respective Treasurers, by the first day of June from thence next Ensueing.

Voted that the Town will Chuse a Comitte to Draw up Somthing Relating to the Tything men for this Town and Lay it before the Town at their next meeting.

Voted That John Clark Timothy Clark Esqrs. and mr Thomas Cushing be the Said Comitte.

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| | Edward Procter | Willm Sheepreeve | 2 |
| | Adino Bulfinch | Wm Blare | 3 |
| | Benja Emmons | Joseph Billings | 4 |
| | Daniel Henchman | Caleb Lymon | 5 |
| | Jonan Jackson | Hope foster | 6 |
| | James Gould | Samll Adams | 7 |
| | John White | John Clough | 8 |

were Chosen Tything-men.

Voted that the Consideration of mr Edward Mills His Being School master be Continued to the next Geneal Meeting.

Voted That the Select men be Desired to Consider & make

Some projection about the Improvment of the Towns Land Near mr Belknaps and Lay it before the Town at their next meeting.

Voted, That the Town be no longer at any Charg for keeping Bulls for the Town but that they which own the Cows be at the Charge.

Voted That no person presume to digg & Carry away of the Sand, Gravel, Earth, Tirf, or Stones, Growing Lying or being on fox Hill (So called) or the Ridge near therto betwen that & Wind mill Hill in the Comon, on pain of forfeting the Sum of Twenty Shillings of Every breach of this Order.

[420.] Voted an Adjornment of this meeting to three of the Clock afternoon. at which time the Inhabitants again assembled.

Voted That the Select men be a Comitte to View & Cousider what is best to be don Relating to the House and Land belonging to the Town in Beacon Street and make Report thereof at the Next Genll Meeting

Voted That Capt Joseph Wadsworth Treasurer be alowed and Paid the Sum of fifty pounds for His Service in that Office in the year past.

James Watson paid
Izrael Walker paid

Chosen Constables.

Voted That the Select men with Such as they Shal desire to accompany them be Inspectors of the Scools for the year Ensuing.

Voted That the Petition of the Widow Ann Gillcrist be left with the Select men to act there in as they find best.

Voted That Pen Townsend, William Welsteed, Edward Hutchinson, Hab. Savage, Esquires and mr Abiel Walley be a Comitte to audit the Treasurers accott for the year Ensuing.

Voted that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be alowed and paid for Paveing in the Streets, Out of the money to be Raised.

Voted that part of the Said Money be Improved for Paveing near the new Brick Meeting House provided the abutters doe their parts.

Voted That Part of the Said Money be Improved for Carrying on the Pavement in Back Street Near Coll. Winthrops to Joyne the Pavement in Prince Street Provided the Abutters doe their parts.

Voted that all or So much of the Twelve Hundred Pounds apropriated for Buying of Grain as the Select men Se best, Be by them Layed out for Buying Grain for the Towns use.

Moses Eyers
Thomas foster
Joseph Parmiter
Joseph fitch
George Smith
William Payn
John Johnson
Roger Stayner

Chosen to be Viewers of Shingles and Measurer of Boards, Plank &c.

[421.] Benjā Edwards Sworn
John Courser Excused

Chosen Constables.

Voted That the Streight Line projected by the Select men on the 27th of febry Last betwen the Towns Land and the Land of Coll Stephen Minott on the Neck, and now Represented by the Select men, Be now Rattified and Confirmed, That at A Stake drove by the fence, Being Thirty Rod nine feet & an halfe, from the South east Corner of the George Tavern now in the occupation of Samuel Meers Inholder, The Line be made Streight to Two Butten Pyer Trees growing in the Said Minotts Land, He the Said Minott Conferming the Said Agreement on His Part.

Whereas The Select men did Some time in the Summer 1721: Order and Direct Coll Stephen Minott to make the fence Extending from His House in the Occupation of mr Samll Meers towards the Salt Ponds on the neck, Being on the West side between Boston and Roxbury upon a Streight Line, in doing of which he has taken in Some Small Quantity of the Towns Land.

Voted That the Select men be Impowred to Treat with and make Sale of Such part of the Towns Land as is taken in as aforesaid.

Voted that the Consideration of Raising Money be Continued unto the Next General Meeting.

mr Andrew Eliot is Chosen to Serve as Constable for the year Ensuing — Sworn.

At a meeting of the free holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a publick Town Meeting at the Town house in Boston fryday Aprill the Ninteenth Anno Domī 1723

Elisha Cook Esqr Chosen to Serve as moderator for this present Meeting.

Voted that the Town Proceed to Chuse four Persons to Represent them at the Great & Genll Assembly.

Number of Voters were 275

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| John Clark Esqr | 258 |
| Elisha Cook Esqr | 248 |
| mr Isaia Tay | 232 |
| mr Ezekiel Lewis | 222 |

are Chosen to Serve as Representatives of this Town.

[422.] Coll Stephen Minott is Chosen to Serve as a Select man in the Room of mr Thomas Cushing who Refused to Serve.

mr Benjā Hutchinson is Chosen to Serve Clark of the market in the Room of mr Benja Brunsdan who Refused to Serve. He Refused to Serve & promised to pay.

mr Ebenezer Youngman Chosen a Clerk of the Market in the Room of mr Hutchinson & Sworn.

Whereas Throwing, Rolling or flingin of the Bullet, Comonly called Throwing the Long Bullet in the Comon Training field, Highwayes, Streets, Lanes or Allyes of the Town, is attended with diverse Inconveniences and may be of Pernitious Consequence to his Majesty's Good Subjects in Walking about their Nessary afairs and Buisness for Preventing Whereof.

It is Ordered that whosoever Shal presume to use and Exercise them Selves in Throwing Rolling or flinging the Bullet or any Such like Instrument whether made of Iron, Lead, Brass, Stone, wood, or any other matter or Substance that may Endanger the Lives or Limbs of any of His Majesties Subjects in the Comon Training field Highwayes, Streets Lanes or Allyes in the Town, Shal forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings upon Conviction, before any of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for Said County for every Such offence.

This was Sundry times Read over & Voted.

Voted that the Select men be Impowred and directed to Enquire into the State of the Wells & Pumps Standing or being in any of the Grounds, Streets or Highwayes belonging to the Town and Cause them to be put into Repare and to Assess the Persons in the Neighbourhood who Comonly make use of them, and to appoint and Impower Some meet Person or Persons to Receive the Same to be Improved according to a Town order or By-Law made about Pumps & Wells.

Voted that the Select men be Impwred to Improve the Towns Land near mr Jerd Belknaps, Either by Building upon it or Letting it for Term not Exceeding Thirty one years as they Shal think best.

Voted that it be left with the Select men & that they be Impowred to make Sale of the House & Land in Beacon Street which belongs to the Town.

[**423.**] Pursuant to the Vote & direction of the freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town at their Annuall meeting in March last.

The Select men haue drawn up heads or Articles for the Better Regulating Indians Negros and Molattos within this Town, that if approved of they may be Endeavored to be Drawn into a Law or Lawes at the next Session of the Great and Geñerall Court or Assembly.

That if any free Indian Negro or Molatto Shal Receive or Entertain any Indian Negro or Molatto Servant or Slaue into His House yard garden or out house unless Sent there by his master or Employer, Shal forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings and be Sent to the House of Correction and there be Severly whiped, And the better to Enforce this order any two free holders may Enter the House of any Such free Indian Negro or Molatto.

That no free Indian Negro or Molatto Shal haue and keep any manner of weapons fire armes, Powder or Ball in his House or the Dependances thereof on forfieture of five pounds & being Severly whipt at the House of Correction.

That no free Indian Negro or Molatto Shal on Training dayes, or any other Publick dayes carry into the Common or Training field Streets or Highwayes any Strong drink Cakes or any other Provision to Sell on Pain of ten pounds and being Sent to the House of Correction and Severly whipt, And any two freeholders Shal haue power to Seize Secure and Dispose of all Such Liquors & Provisions for the use and benefit of the Poor.

That every free Indian Negro or Molatto Shal bind out, all their Children at or before they arrive to the age of four years to Some

English master, and upon neglect thereof the Select men or Overseers of the Poor Shal be Empowered to bind out all Such Children till the age of Twenty one years.

If any free Indian Negro or Molatto Shal Receive any goods wares Merchandize Money or Provisions from the hands of any Indian Negro or Molatto Servant or Slave or any Stolen goods found in their Houses or Possession upon Conviction Such Indian Negro or Molatto Shall beside making Restitution as by Law already provided be Severly Whipt, And ordered by the Court before whom the Tryal is to depart this Province, And if any Such Shal Return to be taken and Sent to the House of Correction and haue the Discipline of the House and there to Remain and abide during life & keept to hard Labour.

[**424.**] If any Indian, Negro or Molatto bond or free be Convict of Stealing Robbing Pilfering or Breaking into any House Ware house Shop Stable Barn or out house Ship or Vessell He Shal upon Conviction be Transported beyond Sea Remaining in the Comon Goal or House of Correction till Shipt Oft besides making Restitution as the Law Provides.

That no Indian Negro or Molatto Slave or Servant Shal be out of His Masters House or Dependances thereat unless in the Imediat Service of his master, an hour after Sun Sett from the first of march to the first of September nor half an hour after from the Second of September till March nor before Sun Riseing upon Pain of being Sent to the House of Correction and there Severely Whipt.

That no Indian Negro or Molatto Servant or Slave Shall be Suffered to wear or Carry about him any manner of armes or weapons Clubb Stave Cane or knives Except Decriped upon Pain of Severe punishment at the House of Correction.

That if more then Two Indian Negro or Molatto Servants or Slaves be found in the Streets or Highways in or about the Town Idling or Lurking together unless in the Service of their master or Employer. Every one so found Shal be punished at the House of Correction.

That no Indian Negro or Molatto Servant or Slave tho' haueing obtained leave from his Master to go into the Comon or Training field on Training dayes or any other Publick dayes, Shal abide there after Sun Sett upon pain of Sever Whipping at the Hou of Correction.

That if any Indian, Negro, or Molatto Servant or Slave Shal assalt Strike Beat wound Bruse or mame any of his Majesties Subjects, He Shal be Severely Punnished at the Discression of the Court before whom Convict and Sent beyond Sea being Confined till his Departure at the Charge of His Master or Owner.

If any Person Shal Sell any Strong Liquor to any Indian Negro, or Molatto Servant or Slave, unless Sent by his master he Shal forfict & pay ten pounds fine, and Suffer Three months Imprisonment, and if the Person that Sell contrary hereto be a Tavernor Inholder or Retailer He Shal forfeit his Recognizance and be Rendered Ever after incapable of hauing [**425.**] His Licence renewed. The Proof for Conviction to be as in the Case of Selling Strong drink to Indians.

That no Indian Negro or Molatto Bond or free Shal presume to work as a Porter in or about the Town unless first approved by the Select men and Bond given to the Town Treasurer in a Sum not less then fifty Pounds for his fidelity. The forfiture of Such Bonds to be applyed to and for the use of the Poor of the Town And if any appear and are found in Such work Shal be taken up and Sent to the House of Correction, Receive the Discipline of the House & Remain there Six dayes.

That Indian Negro and Molatto Evidences only with Concurring Circomstances Shal be proof Soficient to Convict Indian Negro or Molattos.

That no Indian Negro or Molatto up on the breaking out of fire and the Continuance there of dureing the night Season Shal depart his or his masters House, nor found in the Streets or at or near the place where the fire is upon pain of being forthwith Secured and Sent to the Comon Goal and afterwards whipt at the House of Correction three dayes following before dismist, unless his or his masters House or Estate be on fire or in great hazzard thereof.

That all fines and forfeitures arising by this act be disposed the one halfe to the Poor of the Town the other halfe to the Informer.

The foregoing Heads or Articles presented by the Select men, were Sundry times Read over and Each of them voted and voted to be given to the Representatives of the Town in their Instructions to use their Endeavor that a Bill or Bills may be Passed for the Regulating Indians Negros and Molattos in this Town.

Whereas Sundry fires haue of late broke out among us to the great Terror & Affrightment of the Inhabitants, which we haue too Just grounds to beleiue were wickedly contrived and Designed by Some Evel Instruments.

It is therefore humbly proposed by the Select men.

That there be forth with five watch houses at the Least in the Most Sutable places of the Town, and five good able Bodyed men of Sober Conversation Assigned to Each of those Houses, to be Enployed Six months of the year from Nine of the Clock in the Evening the Other from Eight to Sun Rising. To be carfully watching by Turns the Streets, Lanes and allyes through out the Town to discouer and prevent what in them lies fires, Breaking into Houses, Thefts or any Disturbance that may arise And that there be Two Sutable Discreet persons appointed [**426.**] to Inspect the Severall watches and keep them to their duty.

And in as much as the maintaining and defraying the Charge of Such a watch will Require a much larger Sum then has bin heretofore allowed for that Service.

Should therefore the Rule for Proportioning the Watch Tax be as it now or last agreed upon by the Justices in their Sessions Great Inequallity would nescessarily Ensue.

That therefore a Comitte be appointed to Attend the Justices at their next Sessions and Demonstrate this matter to them that so the Sum of the Highest Rate may be so far advanced that no Inequallity or Injustice may ensue, but Every one willingly pay and Contribute his Reasonable Proportion in carrying on the

aforesaid watch, which doubtless will be Readily assented to by them.

The Sundry foregoing Proposals Offred by the Select men were Sundry times Read, and Voted.

And that the Select men with mr John Dixwell and mr John Edwards be a Comitte to waite upon the Sessions at their next Adjorment and lay that affair before them.

Voted that the Select men be desired & Impowred to take care to provide Sutable watch houses, & watch men untill the Adjornment of this meeting.

Voted that this Meeting be Adjorned to fryday the third day of May Next at three of the Clock after noon.

May the Third. The Inhabitants According to Adjornment being Assembled.

Voted that this Meeting be adjorned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

May the 4th. The Inhabitants According to Adjornment being Assembled.

Voted. That whoever shal keep any Cow going at large within the Neck of Boston Shal pay into the hand of Such Person as the Select men Shal appoint to Receive the Same, the Sum of fiue Shillings & Six pence per Annum to be Imployed towards providing four Bulls to goe on the Comon from the first of aprill to the first of Novembr and two Bulls from thence to the first of Aprill following, for paying the Cowkeeper, with Six pence per Head for a Certificate from the Said Receiver that the owner has paid the Said five Shillings and Six pence, And any Cow that Shal be found on the Common whose owner has not [427.] a Cirtificate as aforesaid Shal be by the Cowkeeper Impounded and the Owner pay before the Said Cow be discharged three Shillings, and the Said Cow not Suffered to goe on the Common untill the Owner haue paid the fiue Shillings and Six pence and gained a Certificate.

And if any person has already paid any part of this Sum it Shal be allowed him.

Voted a Grant of Three Thousand & Seven hundred pounds to be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charg of the watch, and other necessary Charges arising within & for the Said Town for the year Ensuing.

Whereas great numbers of Indians Negros & Molattoes haue of late accustomed them Selves to attend the Burial of Indians Negros & Molattoes, which practise is of Ill tendancy and may be of great Inconveniency to the Town if not prevented.

for Remedy whereof Ordered that all Indians Negros and molattoes Shal be Buryed halfe an hour before Sun Set at the Least and at the nearest burying place (where negros are usualy buryed) from the place they Shal be Carryed, thro' the most direct Lanes or Streets that lead thereto.

And no Indian Negro or Molatto Shal be Buryed on the Lords Day, Except in Exterordinary Cases, Leaue being first had and

Obtained from two or more of the Selectmen, And that one Bell only, and that but once tolled for the Buryall of any Indian, Negro, or Molatto, on pain of Twenty Shillings for Every breach of this Order, to be paid by the Master or Owner of any Indian Negro, or Molatto Buryed Contrary to this order, And by the Person ordering the Buryal of any free Indian Negro or Molatto in Contempt of this Order The like Sum of Twenty Shillings.

And Every grave digger or Sexton that Shal break in upon this Order Shal forfeit and pay the Sum of ten Shillings for every Offence being thereof Convict, before any one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for Said County.

Whereas great numbers of Persons haue very lately bin Transported from Ireland into this Province, many of which by Reason of the Present Indian war and other Accedents befalling them, [**428.**] Are now Resident in this Town whose Circomstances and Condition are not known, Some of which if due care be not taken may become a Town Charge or be otherwise prejuditial to the well fair & Prosperity of the Place.

for Remady whereof Ordered That Every Person now Resident here, that hath within the Space of three years last past bin brought from Ireland, or for the future Shal come from thence hither, Shal come and Enter his name and Occupation with the Town Clerk, and if marryed the number and Age of his Children and Servants, within the Space of fiue dayes, on pain of forfeiting and paying the Sum of twenty Shillings for Each offence, And the Sum of ten Shillings for Every one that Shal Continue in the neglect or non-Observance of this Order, for and During the term of forty-Eight hours after the Expiration of the fiue dayes aforesaid So often as the Person offending Shal be Complained of and Convict before any Justice of the Peace within the Said County.

And be it further Ordered that whoever Shal Receive and Entertain and keep in his family any Person or Persons Transported from Ireland as aforesaid, Shal within the Space of forty Eight hours after Such Receipt and Entertainment Return the Names of all Such Persons with their Circomstances as far as they are able to the Town Clerk.

On Penalty of Twenty Shillings fine for the first forty Eight hours and Ten Shillings for Every twenty four houres he Shal be convict after the first forty Eight hours and so toties quoties.

Voted That it be left with the Select men to doe what they find needfull for Repareing the Batterys in the Town.

Voted that the Treasuror be Impowred to make use of So much of the apropriated money of the Towns as He Shal find needfull untill the Taxes come into the Treasury.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston upon Monday the 23th of Decembr 1723.

Voted, that Elisha Cook Esqr Be moderator for this Meeting.

[**429.**] Upon Reading the Motion of Sundry Inhabitants Refering to a memorial of Governor Shute Exhibeted to his Most

Excelent Majesty Mentioned in the Warrant and the Memorial of Gouernor Shute.

And then the Questian was put whether the Town would make Choice of a Committe to prepare a Draught of an Humble Address to be layd before His most Excelent Majesty to Show forth the Duty Loyalty & affection the free holders and Inhabitants of this Town haue & Bare towards His Majestys Person His family & Government and how Sincerely they are attached to the Succession in the most Illustrious House of Hanover, in order to Sett at nought the Groundless aspertions cast upon the People of this Town in His memorial.

Voted in the affermative.

Voted to Chuse fiue Person to be of the Said Committe.

Voted m^r Thomas Cushing, William Payn Esq^r, Cap^t Henry Deering, Co^ll Edward Hutchinson and Cap^t Nathaniel Green. Be the Said Committe to Prepare the Said Draught and Present to the Town for their Consideration at the adjornment of this Meeting.

Voted to Chuse a Committe to Enquire into the affair of the Land of the Towns at the South Scons in Boston where Sam^ll Hood Jun^r has Sett up a Vessell.

Voted Co^ll Stephen Minott Timothy Clark Esq^r Cap^t Joseph Wadsworth m^r Edward Procter & Cap^t James Blin Be the Committe And to make a Report thereof to the Town at the next Meeting.

Voted an Adjornment of this Meeting to Monday the 30^th Day of Decem^br Currant.

Decem^br the 30^th. The Inhabitants according to their Adjornment then again Assembled.

The Committe Chosen to Enquire into the affair of the Land of the Towns at the South Scons in Boston &c. made this Return.

Persuant to the aboue Vote we the Committe therein Named haue bin on the Spott of Land & viewed the place where the abouesaid Ship Stands and find it to be part of the Land that was lately Inclosed to the Scons and that the Ship in part Stands on the very Spott that the Great Artillery Stood on, we also find that the fence & Gate is also pulled or Cutt Down, and Remoued, by which the Said Scons and the Stores were Inclosed, but by whom we know not.

[**430.**] We haue also made diligent Search into the Records of the Town in the Town Books, and made other Strict Inquiry and can not find the Town of Boston haue any wayes divested them Selves of their Originall Right to Said Land, nor any part thereof, neither by Grant, Deed, Possession on any Condition whatsoever, But haue alwayes bin in the Possession and Improvement of that Same Spott of Land.

STEPHEN MINOT, JOSEPH WADSWORTH.
EDWARD PROCTER, JAMES BLIN.

This Return was Read and Accepted and
Voted that the aforesaid Committe be Joyned with the Select men, And are hereby Desired & Impowred to Prosecute any that haue or Shall Trespass upon any part of the Said Land.

The Committte appointed to Draw up an address to His Majesty Offred as follows viz.

To the Kings most Excelent Majesty. The Humble address of the Select men free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, in your Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Assembled in the Town Hall on Monday the Thirteth Day of Decem^br 1723 .

May it Please Your Majesty

We Your Majestys Most Loyal and Dutyfull Subjects humbly beg leave to Prostrate our Selves at your Royal feet, on the Account of a Memorial Lately presented by His Excellcy Samuel Shute Esq^r. Wherein We are accused of being under no Magestracy, By want of which many of the Inhabitants become too much Disposed to a Levelling Spirit, & too apt to be mutinous and Disorderly, and Ready to Support the House of Representatives in any Step they take towards Encroching on the Prerogative of the Crown &c.

We crave leave Humbly to lay before Your Majesty the mistake of that Representation both as to the Number and Government of the Town and Especially as to their being under no Magestracy, where upon we would humbly Shew forth (that besides Sixteen or Eighteen Justices of the Peace Commitioned by His Excellency who are Inhabitants) we doe Annually make Choice of Sundry [431.] Persons for Select men, and other Officers, who haue the Prudentiall Affairs of the Town Committed to them, according to the Constant usage and agreable to the Laws of the Province made for that purpose, and this as well as other Towns of the Province are Impowered to make By Laws and Orders for the Better Regulating the affairs & Inhabitants of the Several Towns, Which good an wholesome hath bin by this Town duly Observed and keept ever since our present Hapy Constitution.

We would therfore in all Humble wise presume to Say that those Aspertions are groundless, far from the tember and Inclination of Your Majesty^s good Subjects the Inhabitants of this Town, or from being at any time practised among us. We always make it our Study and Care to Chuse Such Persons, to Represent us in the Generall Assembly as are truly Loyal and Sincerely Desirous of Serving Your Majestys Intrest, and if the Governor has at any time Negatived Some of them when the Generall Assembly thought them qualified to be of His Majestys Council, we are of opinion that Negatiue did not abridge the Town of their freedome of Electing them to Sit in the House of Representatives as They had don before His arival among us.

We take this Occasion to Assure your Majesty that we are Sincerely Attached to your Royal Person and Gouernment, which has bin So wonderfully mild and Just as to give us a Sensable Pleasure under your Hapy Administration, That we highly disaprove of any Encroachment upon your Royal Prerogative, and are hereby encoraged humbly to Pray for the Continuance of those favors we haue to Our great Satisfaction hitherto Enjoyed under your Auspicious Reign, and that you would be gratiously pleased to Accept this Our Humble Address.

That the British Crown may long florish on your Royal Head, and be Continued to your Illustrious family as by Law Established to the Latest posterity is and Shall be the Sincere and hearty Prayer of Your Majesty$^{s}$ Loyall and dutyfull Subjects of this your Majestys Town of Boston.

The aboue Address was Read, and Voted to be Signed by the Select men & in the name and by order of the free holders and Inhabitants of the Town of Boston by the Town Clerk.

[**432.**] The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Regulerly Assembled in the Town Hall. Having Voted an Address to His Sacret Majesty King George on Acco$^{tt}$ of a Memorial presented by His Excellency Sam$^{ll}$ Shute Esq$^{r}$, Which being Read & accepted by them they also.

Voted That Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ Be and hereby is Desired and Impowred to Lay the Same before His Sacret Majesty.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regurly assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town house in Boston upon Monday the 9$^{th}$ day of March 1723.

John Clark Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen to Serve as Moderator for this meeting.

Sam$^{ll}$ Checkley Esq$^{r}$ Chosen to Serve as Town Clerk (& Sworn)

Voted to Chuse assessors distinct from the Select men.

Voted to Chuse 7 Select men.

Mess$^{rs}$ Isaiah Tay
John Marion
Thomas Cushing
Natha$^{ll}$ Green
Stephen Minot
Ezekiel Lewis
Henry Deering

are Chosen to Serve as Select men for the year Ensueing.

Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth is Chosen to Serve as Town Treasurer for the year Ensueing & Sworn.

Richard Shute Sworn
Sam$^{ll}$ Royall pay
Joseph Brandon pay
John Eyre Excus'd
William Tilly Excused
Sam$^{ll}$ Gerrish pay

are Chosen to Serve as Constables the year Ensueing.

Officers for Rumny Marsh Chozen Viz$^{t}$.

John Whettemore — Constable — Sworn.

Isaac Lewis Sworn
Elisha Tuttle

fence Viewers

Jona$^{n}$ Eustis Sworn
Sam$^{ll}$ floyd

Hoggreeves

Voted this meeting be Adjorned to Three a Clock after noon.

[**433.**] Being then mett.

Voted for the County Treasurer 195 votes. Sealed up and Delivered to Constable Shute, to be delivered.

Robert Pattishal Sworn
John Marshall merc$^{nt}$ appealed
Joseph Turell Sworn
John Bruster Excus'd
Henry Gibbons pay
Sam$^{ll}$ Jones Sworn

were Chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Tim$^{o}$ Clark Esq$^{r}$
John Ruck Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ James Gouch
m$^{r}$ Tim$^{o}$ Prout
m$^{r}$ Jona$^{n}$ Williams

are chosen Overseers of the Poore.

Voted this Meeting be adjourned to Tuseday the 10$^{th}$ day at nine of the Clock fore noon and being then mett.

Henry Laughton pay
Benja Bagnall Excusd
James Goold pay

are Chosen Constables.

Voted to Chuse 7 Assessors.

Messu$^{rs}$ Daniel Pouning
John Sundarland
David farnum
John Edwards
Sam$^{ll}$ Adams
John Noyce
Jona$^{n}$ Mountforth

were Chosen Assessors.

Andrew Tylor pay
John Eliot pay
John Pitts marin$^{r}$ Sworn

are Chosen Constables.

Voted that the Assessor for the year 1723 are further Impowred to make Abatements for Three months.

Voted that the Several Constables be alowed Three pence upon the Pound for Collecting the Rates, Provided they pay in One halfe of the Sums Comitted to them by the first day of febru$^{ry}$ next and also compleat and pay in the wholl Sums to the Respective Treasurars by the first of June next Ensueing.

Voted that the Select men and Such as they shal desire to accompany them be the Inspectors of the free Schools for the Year Ensueing.

Voted the Select men Surveyers of the High wayes for the year Ensuing.

[434.] William Parkman Jun$^{r}$
John Corney
Daniel Chever
Barret Dyer
Nicholas Boon

Eneas Salter
William Cowell
Robert Goodrich
are chosen Scavengers.

Philip Headman apeal
James Pemberton pay
John Tobee Sworn
Sam[ll] Parkman Sworn
John Pitts merc[t] paid
William Tyler pay
James Alford pay
John Buttolph Excu[s]
William Greenlief pay
James King pay
John Carnes pay
Jeffry Bedgood apeal
are chosen Clerks of the market.

Voted That John Clark, Timothy Clark Esq[r], and m[r] Thomas Cushing be a Comitte to draw up Some proposals Relating to Tything men and lay it before the Town at their next meeting for their consideration.

Voted for Tything men for Each Company Viz[t].

N° 1. William Parkman & Nath[ll] Aires
2. Edward Procter & W[m]. Sheepreeve
3. Adino Bulfinch & John Dixwell
4. Moses Bradford & Jeram[a] Bumsted
5. W[m]. Downs uphol[r] & Caleb Lyman
6. Benja fitch & Hope foster
7. Nathan[ll] Garnor & James Penyman
8. David Demming & John Clough

Henry Bridgham
Sam[ll] Eaton
Silence Allin
William Jepson
Ephraim fenno
are chosen Sealers of Leather.

Thomas foster
Thomas Jackson
John Indicott
Thomas Barnard
Joseph Ricks
are chosen fence viewers.

[435.] Voted that Cap[t] Joseph Wadsworth Treasurer be alowed and paid out of the Treasury the sum of fifty Pounds for his service in that Office in the year past

Voted Penn Townsend Edward Hutchinson John Clark Thomas Palmer & William Walsteed Esq[rs] or any three of them be a Comitte to Examine the Treasurers acco[tts] for the year Ensueing.

Joseph Parmiter John Indicott
Joshua Thornton W[m]. Pain
Thomas foster Joseph Russell
Joseph White Joseph fitch
are chosen viewers of Shingles, measurers of Boards & Timber.

John Hillier
Phillip Merret
David Cunningham &
Jabez Hunt

Hogreeves.

Cap$^{t}$ John fairwether Excused
Cap$^{t}$ Isaac Perkins pay
m$^{r}$ Tho. fairwether pay
m$^{r}$ Joshua Winslow pay

are Chosen Constables for the year ensueing.

Voted that there be the Sum of Two hundred pounds Improued for paveing out of the money that Shal be Raised.

Voted that m$^{r}$ Peleg Wiswal School master haue the Sum of thirty pounds aded to his Annual Alowance.

m$^{r}$ George Buckerage apeal'd
Cap$^{t}$ Robert Butler pay

chosen Constables.

Voted that the Consideration of Raising money be continued to the next general Town Meeting

Voted the Consideration of Quitt Rents be Refer'd to the next Meeting.

Barthōl Sears is Chosen Constable Sworn.

The Select men with the Comittee appointed by the Town at their last meeting to Enquire into the Towns Intrest in the Land and Wharf at the South Battery & Prosecute any that haue or Shall Trespass thereon.

Having Reported that they are of Opinion that the Town has good right there But forasmuch as it will be difficult if not Impracticable for Such a Number to Prossecute the Towns Right there.

They propose to the Town that Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth Town Treasurer or His Successars in that place & office may be Impowred to Prossecute that affair to Effect.

Voted that the Said Cap$^{t}$ Joseph Wadsworth, Town Treasurer & His Successors in that place & Office be and hereby fully Impowred in behalfe of the Town to Prossecute m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Hood or any other that haue or Shall Trespass upon the Premisses and Persue the Same to Effect.

Voted that this Meeting be Adjorned to Wednesday the Eighteenth of march Currant at three of the Clock afternoon.

[**436.**] The Inhabitants according to Adjorment being now Assembled.

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| Cord. Wing | pay |
| Jona$^{n}$ Willis | pay |
| W$^{m}$ Young | Sworn |
| Sam$^{ll}$ Bridgman | pay |
| Thomas Bileston | Sworn |

Chosen Constables

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| Abiel Walley | pay |
| Frances Miller | Sworn |
| John Goldthwait | |
| George Skinner | Sworn |

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| Nicholas Belknap | Sworn |
| Zecha. fitch | Sworn |
| frances Gatcom | pay |
| Thomas Gouch | paid |

Chosen Clerks of the market.

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Monday the 11th day of May 1724.

John Clark Esqr Chosen Moderator for this Meting.

Voted that the Town Proceed to Chuse four Persons to Represent them at the Great & General Assembly.

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| Number of Voters were | 209 |
| John Clark Esqr | 193 |
| mr Isaiah Tay | 134 |
| mr Ezekll Lewis | 176 |
| mr Thomas Cushing | 132 |

are chosen to Serve as Representatives.

mr Jonathan Louring Chosen an Assessor for the Year Ensuing in the Roome of mr Jonan Mountforth.

messures Joseph Eaton
Henry Gibbs

Chosen Clerks of the market.

Voted that the Select men be Impowred to Improve the Towns Land on the northern Side of mr Belknaps House (Let to the Said Belknap during pleasure) that they may Either Build upon it, or Lett it for Term as they were Impowred to do by the Land adjoyning by a Town Vote Aprill the 19th 1723.

Voted an adjornment of this meeting to three of the Clock after noon.

At which time the Inhabitants were again Assembled.

[437.] Voted the Select men for the time being be & hereby are Impowred to agree with any Person or Persons for any Sum or Sums of money, Due on areers on James Johnsons Lease, and also to agree with the Said Person or Persons for Such Sum or Sums of money as the Said Select men or the major part of them Shal think Reasonable for a quitt Claim of the Annual quit Rent due on Said Lease, and on Receipt of Such Sum or Sums of money to make and Execute proper Instruments to the Said Person or Persons for Remiseing Releasing and Quitt claiming to them their Heirs and assignes forever the Said Annual Quitt Rent. The money so Receiued to be lay'd out in Some Real Estate for the use of the Town.

And the Said Select men are also alike Impowred to Sell the other Smal Perpetual Quitt Rents and Pass Deeds for the Same and the money to be Improved as aforesaid.

Voted a grant of three Thousand Pounds to be Raised on the Inhabitants & Estates within this Town for Releif of the Poor defraying the Charg of the Watch and other neccessary Charges arising within and for the Said Town for the year Ensuing.

Voted that it be left with the Selectmen to Buy what grain they find needfull out of the money appropriated for that use.

The Comitte appointed the 9th of March last past to draw up Something Relating to Tything men & to lay it before the Town at their next Meeting.

Make their Report vizt.

The Comitte having met and Considered the Objections made by Persons chosen to that Office against taking the Oath by Law Prescribed, & the Main Difficulty pretended being the Tything mans Obligation to Inform against all Persons Selling drink without Licence. Are of Opinion that a later Act having put that matter into the hands of a comitioner of Excise Spesially appointed thereto.

It be humbly offered to the Generall Assembly at their Next Session that the Tything men, (by an act made for that Purpose) may be eased of that trouble and their power further Inlarged as to other disorders & misdemeniars, So that they may haue have Equal Power with Constables to Suppress Tumults & disorders, & to arrest & Carry before the next Justice of the Peace any affrayers, Prophaners Cursers, Swarers &c.

In behalfe & by order of the Comitte Read and Voted.

John Clark.

[438.] Anno 1724.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Wednesday the third of June 1724

John Clark Esqr by the Majoritors of Voters is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

Number of Voters are 267

Mr William Clark is Chosen to Serve as a Representatiue in the Roome & Stead of John Clark Esqr Lately Chosen a Counelor 142 Votes.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualifyed being Regularly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Monday the 8th day of March 1724

After prayer by the Revd Docr Cotten Mather

Voted. That Nathanll Byfield Esqr be the Moderator for this Meeting.

Samll Checkley Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn

Voted to Chuse Assessors distinct from the Selectmen.

Voted to Chuse 7 Selectmen.

Messrs Isaiah Tay
John Marion
Thomas Cushing.
Nathanll Green
Stephen Minott
Ezekiel Lewis
Henry Dering

are Chosen to Serve as Selectmen for the year Ensuing

Voted to Chuse 7 Assessors

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| mesus$^{rs}$ Daniel Powning | | |
| David Farnum | | Refused |
| John Edwards | | |
| John Dixwell | | since Dead |
| Jona$^{n}$ Louring | | |
| Sam$^{ll}$ Adams | | |
| Sam$^{ll}$ White | | |

are Chosen assessors for the year Ensuing

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| Josiah Sanders — Sworn. | Pelethia Kinsman — Refused |
| William Pain — Sworn. | Stephen Pain — Excused. |
| Benja: — Bagnell — Paid. | Will$^{m}$ Maxwell — Paid. |
| Stephen Avery — Paid. | John Brown — Excused |

are Chosen Constables for the year ensueing

[**439.**] Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensueing.

Voted to Chuse 7: Overseers of the Poor for the year Ensuing.

Daniel Olliver Esq$^{r}$
Timothy Clark Esq$^{r}$
John Ruck Esq$^{r}$
mess$^{rs}$ James Gouch
Timothy Prout
Jona$^{n}$ Waldo
Jona$^{n}$ Williams

are Chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year ensueing.

Votes for the County Treasurer were 213: were sealed up by Will$^{m}$ Pain Constable by him to be delivered to the next Quarter Sessions.

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| Thomas Pratt Jun$^{r}$ | R. Marsh. | Sworn |
| John Hilliar | Sworn | |
| John Boudry | Paid | |
| Simon Rogers | Sworn | |
| Joseph White | Sworn | |
| Benja Atkinson | Excusd | |

are chose Constables for the year ensuing.

Then the Meeting adjorned till tomorrow Moring Nine a Clock March the 9$^{th}$

Upon Application made to the Town in the behalfe of Stephen Avery (who was Chosen Constable and Sworn) Seting forth his Incapasity to Serve praying his fine might be Accepted and he Released.

Voted to Accept the Said Excuse

Voted to Chuse another Constable in his Room

Voted that the Constables be alowed three pence upon the Pound for Collecting the Rates, Provided they pay in one halfe of the Sums Comitted to them by the first day of February next, and also Compleat & pay in the whole Sums to the Respective Treasurers, by the first day of June from thence next Ensuing.

Voted that the Selectmen be Surveyors of the High ways for the year Ensuing

Henry Bridgham
Silence Allin

William Jepson
Nathan Hodgden
Ephraim Fenno

Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Voted. That the Assessors for 1724: be Impowred further to make abatements for Three Months.

[**440.**] Voted to Chuse Two Persons to wait upon His Hono$^{r}$ The Leu$^{t}$ Governor and Request of Him to Order Co$^{ll}$ Hatch to Lay the List of the Names of Such men as are of Boston which He Inlists into the Troop of Gards, that the Town may not Chuse Such into Town Offices.

Voted that Co$^{ll}$ Stephen Minott & m$^{r}$ Ezekiel Lewis be the Persons desired to go accordingly Who Returned Answar they had according to the vote waited upon upon His Honour the Leu$^{t}$ Governour with the Message and His Honours Answar was That there Should be A List Lodged in the Secritary, Office in the afternoon which they might haue A Sight of

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| Joshua Chever | for N° 1 |
| Robert Guterage | 2 |
| Andrew Tyler | 3 |
| Nathan$^{ll}$ Breck | 4 |
| Jeram̄ Belknap | 5 |
| Benjā Bridge | 6 |
| Nathan$^{ll}$ Garnor | 7 |
| John Sale | 8 |

are Chosen Scavengers for the year Ensuing

Voted that the Selectmen are Impowred to take Effectual care that the Streets be Clensed and order the pay out of the Treasury as they Se Occasion while further Ordered.

Voted to Chuse a Comitte to draw up Some proposals to lay before the Town at the next meeting about it

Voted that Joseph Wadsworth & Sam$^{ll}$ Keeling Esq$^{r}$s & m$^{r}$ Andrew Tyler be the Said Comitte —

Voted to Chuse a Comitte to Consider of and draw up Some proposalls of A Method for Chusing of Jurymen and Lay it before the Town at their next Meeting

Voted That Nathan$^{ll}$ Byfield, Addington Davenport, Thomas Fitch, Adam Winthrop, & Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{rs}$ be the Said Comitte —

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| John Bruster | Sworn |
| Ebenezer Fisher | Paid |
| Richard Hall, Baker | Excus'd |

Chosen Constables.

[**441.**]

James Pecker
John Roberts Jun$^{r}$
William Alden
Sam$^{ll}$ Coniball
Thomas Fleet
Daniel Bell
Benjā Simpson
Benjā Mason

are Chosen Clerks of the Market

Thomas Wheeler Excus'd }
capt Peter Papilion Refus'd }
are Chosen Constables.

Voted That the Selectmen and Such as they Shal desire to accompany them to be the Inspecters of the Free Schools for the year Ensuing —

Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. be alowed & paid out of the Treasury the Sum of Seventy Pounds for his Service as Treasurer the year Past —

Penn Townsend, Thomas Fitch, Adam Winthrop, Thomas Palmer, Edward Hutchinson Esqrs are Chosen A Comitte; or any three of them to audit the Treasurers Accotts for the year ensuing.

Voted Tything men for Each Company Vizt.

No. 1. — William Parkman & Nathanll Ayres
2. — Edward Procter & Wm Shipreive
3. — Adino Bulfinch & John Dixwell
4. — Moses Bradford & Jeram̄ Bumsted
5. — Wm. Down uphalu & Caleb Lyman
6. — Benja Fitch & Nicho Boone
7. — Nathtl Garnor & James Penyman
8. — David Demmon & John Clough

Thomas Jackson Joseph Ricks }
Samll Thorn — John Indicott } viewers of fences.
Benjā Eustice — John Demery }

James Tyleston }
John Indicott
Thomas Foster
Isaac White
Benjā Hollaway
Joshua Thornton
Joseph Russell
Thomas Kemball }
Chosen Measurers of Boards & Timber & Viewers of Shingles.

[442.] George Hughes }
John Taylor
John Stephens
James Barber }
Chosen Hogg reeves for the year Ensuing

For Rumny Marsh are Chosen Vizt

Isaac Lewis & Elisha Tuttle: Fence Viewers
Jonan Eustice & Samll Floyd: Hogg reeves

Voted That the Selectmen for the time being be Impowred to Sell the Small Perpetual Quit Rents of the Towns, (not exceeding Twenty Shillings Per Annum) and Pass Deeds for the Same —

The Money to Be layd out in Some Real Estate for the use of the Town.

Voted to Chuse a Comitte to make Enquiry into the Rights of the Town, and also of the Rights of the Neighbors into the Town Dock & wharfs and make Report therof to the Town Meeting in March Next.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Said Comitte —

Stephen Parker: paid }
Thomas Dagget — paid } chose Constables

John Indicott : Excus'd } chose Constables
Zechā Fitch paid }
Stephen Greenlief } chose Constables
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For the more Peacable Reguler & Easy. Proceeding in Town Meetings.

Voted that the Constables of this Town or So many of them as the Selectmen from time to time Shall appoint (and by the waiter notified) Shall attend at Town Meetings with their Constables staves, and Observe the Orders of the Moderator on a Penalty not Exceeding Twenty Shillings

Voted That the Honob^le Samuel Seawall, Thomas Fitch, Daniel Oliver Tim^o. Clark Esq^rs with m^r Thomas Cushing the only Surviving Persons of the united Comitte of the Town & Proprietars have Liberty & be desired to lay out so much of of the Money in their Hands as Shal be needful to Erect a building on the Land before the Ston wall near m^r Belknaps as may be most benifisial —

[443.] The Income and Rent thereof to be paid into the Town Treasury Annually for the Support of the Writing Schools in this Town —

For Preventing the many Irregularities & Inconveniences that may happen through the Mutiplicity of Comon Cryers, every one that pleases takes upon him to Cry Lost and Stolen Goods &c.

It is therfore ordered

That no person whatsoever presume to be a Comon Cryer, or Cry any Sort of Goods wares or Merchandize Lost or Found or Stolen goods, Strays, Publick Sales &c, within any of the Streets Lands, Alleys, or Market place or places of this Town, on Penalty of ten Shillings for every offence, Except only Such Person or Persons as Shall be Licenced by the Selectmen, And every Person so Licenced Shall keep a true and perfect List of all matters and things by him so Cryed, and give into the Town Clerk once every month a true and perfect copy therof with the things by him Cryed, and the names of the Person that ordered him to Cry the Same, And if the Cryer or Cryers Shall Cry any vain foolish prophain or Obscene matter, He Shal forfeit and pay Ten Shillings fine, and be Discharged from his Place or Office, And the Person that ordered the Crying thereof, Shall pay a fine of Twenty Shillings : Voted and that it be presented to the Sessions for Approbation —

For the Regulating Cows going on the Comon, and better providing of Bulls to go with them —

It is ordered —

That whosover Shall keep any Cow or Cows going at large within the Neck of Boston Shall pay into the hands of Such Person or Persons as the Selectmen Shall from time to time appoint to Receive the Same, the Sum of five Shillings and Six pence Per Annum for each Cow to be Imployed as follows (Viz^t)

[444.] Three Shillings ther of towards providing four Bulls to go at Large on the Comon from the first of Aprill to the first of Novem^r following Yearly and every Year, And two Bulls to go on the Comon (or as the Said Selectmen Shal order) from the first

of November to the first of aprill following yearly and every year, Two Shillings more thereof for paying the Cowkeeper, and the Remaining Six pence for paying the Person that Shall be appointed by the Selectmen to give forth Certificats to the owner of each Cow, showing that they haue paid the Said fiue Shillings and Six pence per head for each Cow.

And any Cow that Shall be found going on the Comon as aforesaid whose owner Shal not haue a Certificate as aforesaid Shall be by the Cowkeper (or other person appointed by the Selectmen for that and) Impounded, and the owner Shall pay three Shillings Per head to the Impounder before the Cow or Cows be discharged and the Said Cow or Cows Shall not be suffred to go on the Comon untill the owner haue paid the Said five Shillings & Six pence, and gained a Certificate as aforesaid.

And it is further ordered

That if any person or Persons Shall haue any milch Cow or Cows which they keep in their Pasturs or Inclosurs, and do not Suffer them to go at large on the Comon, they Shal pay only two Shillings towards the Bulls.

For Preventing dry Cattle going on the Comon

It is also Ordered

That no ox Steer Horse Sheep or Goat, Shall be Suffered to go at large on the Comon or in the Streets within the neck of Boston (Except Such as are under the Care of Some Person and driving to Markett) on penalty that the owner therof Shall forfeit & pay the Sum of five Shillings for every ox Steer Horse Sheep or Goat that Shall be found going at Large as Aforesaid.

Voted, and that it be Presented to the Sessions for Approbation —

[**445.**] Voted that the Consideration about Raising, of Money be continued to the Next meeting for the Chusing Representatives

Voted that all Such matters and things as lay before this meeting for Consideration and not finished be Continued to the next meeting.

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regurly Assembled at a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House on Wednesday the 5th day of May: 1725.

After Prayer By the Revd. mr. Benjā Wadsworth.

Voted that Nathanll Byfield Esqr be Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted that the Town Proceed to Chuse four Persons to Represent them at the Great & Generall Assembly.

Number of Voters were 332

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| mr. Isaiah Tay | 256 |
| mr Thomas Cushing | 310 |
| mr Ezekiel Lewis | 301 |
| mr William Clark | 199 |

are Chosen to Serve as Representatives.

mr Joshua Chever
mr Andrew Tyler

were Chosen Assessers for the year ensuing: in the Room of mr Farnum who Refused & mr Dixwell Dead.

Daniel Dupee — Excus'd } Chosen Constables.
Nathanll Wardwell Refus'd }

James Davenport Sworn } Chosen Constables.
Willm Cunningham Sworn }

Voted that there be the Sum of Two Hundred pounds alowed and Paid out of the Treasury for paving in Such places in the Town as the Selectmen shall appoint.

Voted A Grant of Two Thousand & four Hundred pounds be raised on the Inhabitants & Estates within this Town, for Releif of the Poor, defraying the Charge of the Watch, Paving and other necessary Charges a Riseing within and for the Said Town for the year Ensuing.

Voted that it be left with the Selectmen to buy what Grain they find needfull out of the Money appropriated for that Use —

[**446.**] The Return of the Comittee appointed by the Town March the 8th 1724. About keepin the Streets Clean.

Propose as follows (Vizt)

Whereas the Town Laws or Orders already made haue by Experince proved Ineffectual for the through clensing and keeping clean the Streets, Lanes Alleys and Other Publick Places within the Town of Boston.

To Prevent the Same Inconveniency for the future.

Proposed —

That the Scavengers for the time being and Such as hereafter Shall be Chosen there unto Are hereby Authorised as often as they shall see Needfull to warn and order all & Every Person within their Respective Ward or Wards who are or Shall be the Occupiers of any Houses Lands or Tenements Abutting on any of the Paved Streets, Lanes, Alleys, and other Publick places within the Town of Boston, To Rake and Sweep all their Dirt and Trash together in Heaps, Lying or being in the Streets Lanes Alleys or other Publick places &c in Such maner and Proportian as the Scavenger or Scavengers Shall order and direct. And that where there is any Dirt or Trash in any of the unpaved Streets Lanes Alleys or other publick places which doth or may Anoy the Paved Ways. That the Abuttars Rake the Same together to be left or taken away at the Descresion of the Scavengers.

That where there is any Dirt or Trash that lyes by or before the Houses Lands or Tenements of any Unable and Indegent Person or Persons, or any Houses Lands or Tenements unoccupied, or any Extraordinary wide Streets or Perticuler Places that will be a Hardship for Abutters to Rake up in Heaps more then before their Own Doors, that the Scavenger or Scavengers at their Discresion get the Over plus Dirt Raked & Swept together at the Town Charg.

That if any of the Occupiers of Such Houses Lands or Tenements Shall Refuse or Neglect to Rake and Sweep together in Heaps Such Dirt & Trash as lyes by or before their Respective Houses Lands or Tenements in the spase of Twenty four hours after Warning given by the Scavenger, Shall forfeit and pay the

Sum of five Shillings for Every Such Neglect: And Treble the Cost the Scavengers Shall be at in doing the Same.

[447.] That when the Dirt and Trash is Raked & Swept together the Scavengers haue full Power & Authority (if need be) to Impress any Cart or Carte^r belonging to the Town of Boston To Cart & Carry away the Dirt & Trash out of the Streets, Lanes Alleys, and other Publick places within the Town of Boston, to the next convenient place or apartment within the Said Town with all Expeditian where the Scavenge^r or Scavengers Shall Order and Direct. And to be paid for the Same as the Scavenger and Carter can agree, not Exceeding fifteen pence for Such Sufficient cart load as Shall be to the Satisfactian of the Scavenge^r: And upon the Carters Refusing or Neglecting (after Twenty four hours warning from the Scavenger) to Cart or Carry away the dirt & Trash Raked togethe^r in Heaps, or not fully to Load his Cart to forfeit and pay the Sum of fifteen Shillings for Every Such Neglect —

That the Single Evidence of any one of the Scavengers Shall be Sufficient to Convict any Person or Persons of the Breach of this Orde^r, as well as any othe^r Lawfull Evidences, And that Each & Every one of the Scavengers haue as much Powe^r in any of the Eight wards as well as to that unto which he is Chosen. And is Likewise Desired and Ordered to Prosecute the Town orders and By Laws for Preventing Nusances or Annoyances within the Said Town — And the Selectmen are Directed & Impowred to Order, payment out of the Town Treasury for Such Sums of Money as Shall by an Acco^tt. Appear to the Satisfactian of the Selectmen as the Respective Scavengers Shall Expend, for Carrying away the Dirt & Trash out of the Streets Lanes Alleys &c within the Town of Boston.—

And that this Order continue in full force till the Town See Convenient to Order wise. May the 5^th 1725:

Joseph Wadsworth
Samuel Keeling
Andrew Tyler.

The foregoing proposalls were Sundry times Read and Debated and were Voted, and to be presented to the Sessians for their Approbatian m^r. Jona^n Williams Having by A Memoriah Presented to the Town A Range of Young trees in the Coman Transplanded by him: Craving their Acceptance —

[448.] Voted That the Town Vote of March the 9^th 1723 for Chusing a Comitte to draw up proposalls Relating to Tythingmen, And the Return of that Comitte may the 11^th 1724: A Copy of them be by the Town Clerk, Delivered to the Representatives of this Town in order to use their Indeavors to procure A Law Accordingly —

Voted m^r Jonathan Williams Thanks for the young Trees he Presented the Town—

The Petitian of Cap^t John Ballantine for ading Two persons to the Comitte appointed May the 11^th 1711. to Examine into the Rightes & Priveledes that any Persons had to the Draw Bridge and the Damage they had Sustained by the Town Making it a fast Bridg and make a Return thereof: Read and Debated & the Petitian Voted in the Negative

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Townof Boston duly qualified being Regurly assembled in a Public Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Monday the 14th of March 1725—

After prayer by the Revd mr Benjamin Colman

Voted that Elisha Cooke Esqr be the Moderator for this Meeting—

Samll Checkley Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn

Voted to Chuse Assessors Distinct from Selectmen

Voted to Chuse 7: Selectmen

messrs Thomas Cushing
John Baker
Nathanl Green
Ezekll Lewis
Henry Dering
Jonan Waldo
Timothy Prout

are Chosen to Serve as Selectmen for the year Ensuing.

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr is Chosen Town Treasurer

Voted This Meeting be adjorned to three of the Clock: Met

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| John Hooton | Sworn |
| Joshua Blancher | Excused |
| Daniel Dupee | pay |
| John Maverick | pay |
| Ebenezer Bridge | pay |
| Joseph Fitch | pay |
| Thomas Wheeler | Sworn |
| John Burt | pay |

Chosen Constables for the year Ensuing.

[449.] Voted to Chuse 7: Assessors

messrs Daniel Pouning
John Edwards
Jonan Louring
Samll Adams
Samll White
Joshua Chever
Andrew Tyler

Are Chosen to Serve as Assessar for the year Ensuing.

Esqrs Daniel Oliver, Timo Clark, John Ruck

messrs James Gouch
Jonan Williams
Samll Greenwood
Oxenbrigs Thatcher

are Chosen Overseers of the Poor.

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| William Pell | pay |
| James Gouch Junr | pay |
| James Lablond | pay |
| Thomas Cushing Junr | pay |
| James Allen | pay |

Chosen Constables

Henry Bridgham
Silence Allen
Ephraim Fenno
William Jepson
Thomas Townsend

Chosen Sealers of Leather

Voted that the Selectmen be Surveyers of Highways for the year Ensuing

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| Will$^{m}$ Parkman Jun$^{r}$ | N° 1 | chosen Scavingers |
| John Goldthwait | 2 | |
| John Cobbet | 3 | |
| W$^{m}$ Downs Shopkep$^{r}$ | 4 | |
| Benjā Fitch | 5 | |
| Benjā Bridge | 6 | |
| Nathan$^{ll}$ Gardner | 7 | |
| Eneas Salter | 8 | |

Voted that the Town Vote about Scavingers the Last March which did not pass at the Sessions is now Renewed with the Amendments Following (Viz$^{t}$)the Fine to be ten Shillings in plase of fifteen: And where the Conviction was to be upon the Testimony of the Scavingers, now to be One Evidence besides the Scavingers: And that it be presented to the Next Sessions for Alowance —

Voted that the Scavingers are Impowred to order the Cleaning the Streets to be paid by the T$^{n}$ Treasurer by order of the Selectmen as there is Ocasion untill the Town meeting in May next

[**450.**] Voted That this Meeting be adjorned to to morrow moring halfe an hour after Eight

Being Mett

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| Edward Bromfield | pay |
| Edmond Perkins | pay |
| George Skinner | Excusd |
| Hugh Vance | Excusd |
| James Halsey | pay |
| Thomas Foster | pay |

Chosen Constables for the year Ensuing.

Officers Chosen for Rumny Marsh Viz$^{t}$

Nathan Chevers — — Constable

Isaac Lewis
Elisha Tuttle } Fence Viewars

John Eustice
Sam$^{ll}$ Floyd } Hogg Reeves

Voted that the Selectmen and Such as they Shall desire to accompany them be the Inspectors of the Free Schools for the Year Ensuing

Voted for Tything men for the Several Companys (Viz$^{t}$)

N° 1 : William Parkman & Nathan$^{ll}$ Ayres
2 Edward Procter & W$^{m}$ Shipreeve
3 Adino Bulfinch & Thomas Flagg
4 Moses Bradford & Jerā Bumsted
5 Daniel Hinchman & Caleb Lyman
6 James Bodwin & Nichloas Boone

7 Nathan$^{ll}$ Gardner & James Peniman
8 Henry Howell & John Clough

Voted that Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ be alowed & paid out of the Treasury the Sum of Eighty pounds for His Service as Treasurer for the year past —

Hugh Kelder Excusd
Henry Gibbs — pay
Thomas Robinson — pay
Nathan$^{ll}$ Hayward — pay

Chosen Constables.

Voted That Penn Townsend, Nathan$^{ll}$ Byfield, Thomas Fitch, Adam Winthrop & Tho Palmer Esq$^{rs}$ or any three of them be a Comitte to Audit the Treasurers Acco$^{tt}$s for the year Ensuing

Voted that Thomas Boylston Late Constable haue the alowance for Collecting Rates According to his Petition

Ephraim Mower pay
John Indicott pay
William Laraby pay
John Tyler — — pay

Chose Constables

[451.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders Regulerly Assembled in the Town House March the 15$^{th}$ 1725 —

Votes for a County Regester were brought in & Numbred were 168: Votes: Sealed up by Constable Thomas Wheeler and Delivered to Him to be delivered as the Law directs

Voted That Thomas Palmer, William Clark, John Ruck, William Paine Esq$^{r}$s & m$^{r}$ Ezekiel Lewis Trustees for Disposing of the Towns part of the Fifty Thousand pounds Loan of Bills of Creditt on this Province be & hereby are Impoured and Directed to take Effectual Care to call in Demand and Receive of the Principal Money by them lett out to Several persons for the use & benefit of the Town as they Shall Judge most for the advantage of the Town, So much as that they be thereby Enabled to pay in to the Province Treasurer at or before the Last day of May next ensuing one fifth part of the Principal Sum by them Received of Him, and So One fifth part thereof Annually on Every last day of May untill the whole Sum be paid in agreeable to the act or Law made for that purpose Anno: 1720

The General Town Meeting being Again Mett

Votes for the County Treasurer brought in were 144 votes Sealed up in the Presence of Thomas Wheeler Constable and Delivered to him to be delivered as the Law directs

William Palfry pay
William Randel Sworn
John Osborn pay
Thomas Inches Excusd
W$^{m}$ Maccarty Refu$^{s}$:
Joseph Foy pay

Chose Constables —

Voted that the Selectmen be Desired & Directed to make Enquiry about the Land formerly Leaced to W$^{m}$ Mumford and as

they find ocasian putt it into the Warrant for the Next Meeting to act as they See Cause —

Voted that the Selectmen for the Time being be Inpowred and directed to Sell the Quitt Rent of the House of Joshua Winsor Dececd Provided they Sell it, for not Less then thirty years Purchass.

Voted that the Selectmen aforesaid Are Impoured to agree with and Sell to the Persons Concered with the Quitt Rents from the Swing Bridg to Anthiems corner So Called as also for what Inlargment the Town has made of the Wharf there, upon Such Consideratians as they Shal Judg Reasonable —

Voted that this Meeting be Adjorned untill three of the Clock afternoon —

Being then Mett —

[452.] Voted that the Consideration of the Petitions of Winnisimett Ferry place be Refered to the next General Town Meeting and in the meantime the Petitioners have Liberty to attend the Selectmen with their Proposals that so the Selectmen may be prepared to make a Report to that Meeting of what they think may be best for the town to do therein.

Voted That there be aded to the Sallary of mr. Peleg Wiswal the Sum of Thirty pounds for the year Ensueing in Consideration of the Extreme prise of Provisions.

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| Nathanll. Ballston | pay | Chose Constables |
| Jonathan Barnard | pay | |
| Joshua Thornton | sworn | |
| John Roberts Junr. | pay | |
| Francis Wardell | | Viewers of Fences & Sworn all. |
| Joseph Ricks | | |
| Thomas Barnard | | |
| Thomas Jones | | |
| William Bestow | | |
| Hopestill Foster | | |
| John Indicot | | Viewers of Shingles Measurrs of Boards & Timber &c. |
| Thomas Foster | | |
| William Young | | |
| Joseph White | Sworn | |
| James Tileston | Sworn | |
| Moses Ayres | | |
| Joseph Russell | | |
| John Adams | Sworn | |
| Samll Baylie | | Clerks of the Market. |
| Ralph Smith | Sworn | |
| John Dolbear | pay | |
| Jonan Burnall | Sworn | |
| John Taylor | Sworn | |
| James Pitson | pay | |
| George Monk | pay | |
| Charles Deming | Sworn | |
| Willm Cowell | pay | |

John Lee
Ebenezer Holwell Swo$^{n}$
Edward Vaill Swo$^{n}$ } Hoggreeves.
W$^{m}$. Pratt, Carpenter Swo$^{n}$

Voted that the Assessors for the year 1725 be Impowred to make Abatements untill the Tenth of June next.

Voted that the Several Constables have Liberty granted them to the said Tenth of June to Compleat their payments into the Treasury$^{es}$ with the same Alowance.

Henry Adams pay
Walter Brown appeal } Chosen Constables.

[453.] Voted that this Meeting be Adjorned to tomorow Moring halfe an hour after Eight. Being Mett.

Beñja Eustice Excus$^{d}$
Sam$^{ll}$ Peck Excus$^{d}$ } Chosen Constables.

In answer to the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for paving the Street Leading from the Bridge towards the Battery.

Voted that it be Left with the Selectmen to act therein Betwen the Abutters on the said Way in such proportion as they Shall find Reasonable.

Upon a Motion made by Sundry Inhabitants for Paving in Orange Street.

Voted that if the Selectmen and the Abutters on the Way towards the Battery do not agree to perform that work That then, those of Orange Street be next prefered to the Towns Consideration.

Thomas Worth pay
Thomas Waite pay } Chosen Constables.
Joseph Lowden Sworn

Voted that a Comitte be Chosen to Manage the Afair of Grain.

Voted that there Shall be Three persons of Said Comitte.

Voted that the Sum of Eleven Hundred pounds of the appropriated Money be lay'd out for the Purchassing of grain this year by the Comitte that shall be Chosen.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed to call in the appropriated Money, that is out upon Intrest so soon as Conveniently may be.

Voted That mess$^{rs}$. James Gouch, Jonathan Williams & Peter Thomas be the Comitte for grain.

Voted That the Selectmen be Directed to make Drafts upon the Treasurer for such sum or sums of Money (as the Comitte from time to time shal Purchas Grain for the Town) out of the said appropriated Money.

Voted That the Sum of Two Hundred pounds of the Money to be Raised be Improved for Paving —

William Wheeler excus$^{d}$.
John Toobe pay } Chose Constables.

Voted that the Selectmen be desired to prepare a Bill to be offered for making a Law to prevent the abuse of Millers in Boston upon the Inhabitants in taking Toll.

Will$^{m}$ Wheeler Jun. Sworn
Thomas Bedell Excus$^{d}$. } Chose Constables.
Daniel Bell Sworn

Voted that the Consideration of Raising Money be Continued to the Next Meeting.

Voted that such other matters and things as were here Debated & not perfected and such other things proper for their consideration be Continued to the Next Meeting —

[454.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Tuesday May the Third: 1726: —

After Prayer by the Rev$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Peter Thatcher —

Voted That Thomas Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ be Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted that the Town will proceed to the Choice of four Representatives Number of Voters 203

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| Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ | 112 |
| m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing | 110 |
| m$^{r}$ Ezek$^{ll}$ Lewis | 107 |

were Chosen as Representatives

Voted A Second time and the Number of Voters were 191

John Ballantine Esq$^{r}$ Chosen Representative: 97 Stephen Willis was Chosen Constable & Sworn —

Josiah Carter
George Hannos
Alford Butler
Wiglesworth Sweetser

were Chosen as Clerks of the Market.

Voted an Adjornment untill after Dinner then Assembd Upon the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Boston To haue Liberty of a Landing place From Winisimet Ferry, at the Lower end of North Street as Set forth in the Petition now on File

Voted That the prayer of the Petitian be allow'd the Petitioners giving Sofficient Cautian to the Selectmen for the time being to Make & keep in good Repair the Wayes belonging to the Said Ferry for Accomodating all Passengers passing the Said Ferry and Indemnifie the Town from all Presentments for Deficiency of the Way, And paying a Reasonable Rent therefore: Provided nothing herein Contained Shall Debar or hinder the Boats Landing passengers at the Old place, The Ways being Sutable therefore for the Same —

Voted That m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing Accot$^{tt}$ of Building by m$^{r}$ Belknap and the Warehouse in Merchants Row be Refer'd to the Audit of the Selectmen, And that they be Impowered to Draugh upon the Treasurer to pay the Ballance which Shall appear to be due to him, Out of the Money appropriated to be laid out in a Real Estate; Wereupon [455.] They are desired to take Care that Sufficient Deeds be made thereof to the Select men and their Successors in behalf of the Town.

Voted. That m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing be allow'd and Paid the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds for His Service Care and trouble in Laying out the appropriated money

Voted that the Selectmen be Impowered and Desired to take

Care of the Towns Intrest at the Dock viz$^{t}$ The Buildings &c. The Lease wherof will Expire in November next. to Receive and Improve them for the benefit of the Town, to appoint Sutable Persons in behalf of the Town to Apprize the Same and to Draw upon the Town Treasurer for the payment of the apprized value, Out of the Money appropriated to be laid out in a Real Estate, and to make a Report how that affair is to the Gen$^{ll}$ Meeting in March next.

Voted a Grant of Twenty three hundred Pounds be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charge of the watch, Paving, and other Necessary Charges arising within and for the Said Town for the year Ensueing.

M$^{r}$ Andrew Tyler was Chosen to be of the Comitte for Grain in the Room of m$^{r}$ James Gouch who desired to be Excused.

Voted Whereas the Town at their Meeting in March last did Chuse a Comitte for the Purchasing of Grain for the use of the Town, and also ordered that the Select men Should make Draughts on the Treasurer for payment of Such Sum or Sums of money as the Said Comitte from time to time Shall purchas Grain for, out of the apropriated money for that Service, but no provision made Impowering the Comitte to provide at the Town Charge Storehouses wherein to Lodge the Said Grain or to Sell the Said Grain when it may be proper, nor where to Lodge the money ariseing thereby, nor any power to pay the necessary Charge of Houseing the Said Grain, And the manner of Drawing for payment being found Inconvenient.

It is therefore Ordered That the Town Treasurer pay Such Sums as the Said Comitte Shall Draw on him, for any of the Ends aforesaid, not Exceeding Eleven hundred pounds in the Whole, Including what Grain is already in the Grainery purchased by the Said Comitte, Pursuant to a General Order of the Select men to the Treasurer to answar Such Draughts of the Comitte, which order the Select men are hereby Directed to make on the Treasurer [**456.**] And Charge the Same to Accompt of Grain, Also that the Comitte be Impowered to Sell the Said Grain at Such times and at Such prizes as they Shall thinke most for the Towns Advantage, and best answar the End & Designe of the Town in Erecting the Grainery; And pay the money ariseing by the Sale of the Said Grain into the Hands of the Town Treasurer and by Him to be Carryed to the Credit of the Acco$^{tt}$ of Grain.

Upon a Representation That m$^{r}$ Josias Sanders late of Boston Dece$^{d}$ Constable for the year last past has a considerable part of the Rates to him Comitted, that are not yet Collected and their may be Reason for further abatements.

Voted that the Assessors for the year last past are Impowr'd to make Reasonable abatements upon the Said Sanders List, for the Spase of (not Exceeding) three months to what was before granted.

Voted. That Such other matters and things as were here under Consideration and Debated but not perfected, And Such other things proper for their Consideration be Continued to the next General Meting.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants, of the Town of Boston duly quallified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House, on Tuesday the 7th day of June 1726.

After prayer by the Revd mr Joseph Sewall.

Voted that Nathanall Byfield be Moderator for this meeting.

The Town being Served with the Copy of a Petition of the Representatives of Eleven Towns belonging to this County of Suffolk, Praying that all the Country Towns within the Said County may be Sett off from the Town of Boston, and made a Seperate County, for Reasons therein mentioned. The Said Inhabitants being Legally met and Considering that the time Set for Our Answaring the Said Petition is So Short that it is not possible for the Inhabitans throuly to weigh the Conveniency and Inconvenyencys that may accrue to them thereby.

And the Subject matter of the Said Petition being of very great Moment and Importance to this Town.

Voted that the Great and General Court be Humbly Addressed. That their further proceeding thereon may be Referred [457.] unto the fall Sessions. That So the Inhabitants of Boston may haue a Reasonable time to Consider thereof and to make answar thereto.

Voted that the Select men be a Comitte Humbly to Address the General Court to Continue the Answar of the Town thereupon untill the fall Sessions.

Voted that the Representatives of this Town be Desired to use their Indeavors that a Law may be made to prevent & Suppress the Great dissorders there is in the Town by Reason of Playing or Gaming in the Streets for Money &c.

Voted that Edward Marion be a Clerk of the Market for this year in the Room of Wegs Sweetser who Refused to Serve.

At a Meeting of the free holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Quallified being Regurly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Monday October the 17th 1726.

After prayer by the Revd mr Thomas Prince.

Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chosen Moderator for this meeting.

The Petition of the Representatives of Several Towns in the County of Suffolk praying that the Country Towns in the Said County may be Set off and made a Seperate County by them Selves, with the Adress of the Town of Boston, and the Order of the House of Representatives thereon being Read.

After some debate had. It was Put that those that Inclined to fall in with the Petition that the Country Towns within the County of Suffolk Should be Set off and made a distinct County they Should manifest it.

And upon the Question being put it passed in the Negative And the Contrary Question was Put & it passed in the affermative.

Voted that the Select men be Directed & Impowrd to prepare and Lay before the General Court Reasons why the Prayer of the Petition Should not be Granted, They being fully Impowred to transact this afair by Such ways and means as they Shall Judge Convenient.

And that Anthony Stoddard, Thomas Steel & John Read Esq$^{rs}$ be added to assist and advise with the Select men in this affair.

[458.] At a Meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regulerly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston Monday March the 13$^{th}$ 1726.

after prayer by the Rev$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ John Webb.

Voted that Elisha Cooke Esq$^{r}$ be the moderator for this meeting.

Sam$^{ll}$ Checkley Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn.

Voted to Chuse Assessors distinct from Select men.

Voted to Chuse 7 Select men.

mess$^{rs}$ Thomas Cushing
John Baker
Nathan$^{ll}$ Green
Ezek$^{ll}$ Lewis
Jona$^{n}$ Waldo
Tim$^{o}$ Prout
Oxenbridg Thatcher

are Chosen Select men for the year Ensuing.

Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ is Chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing.

Voted that this meeting be adjorned to three of the Clock after noon. At which time they assembled.

Voted. That there be an Augmentation made to the number of Constables for the Year Ensuing.

Voted That the Town will Chuse 16 Constables for the year ensuing.

Votes brought in for a County Treasurer being 187 votes Sealed up & Comitted to Constable Bell to be by him deliv$^{ed}$ to the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

mess$^{rs}$ John Hunt
David Farnum
Jon$^{a}$ Williams

Chose Select men in the Rome of mess$^{rs}$ Tho$^{s}$ Cushing, Nath$^{ll}$ Green & Ezek$^{ll}$ Lewis who Refused to Serve.

Voted to Chuse 7 Overseers of the Poor.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Tim$^{o}$ Clarke Esq$^{r}$
John Ruck Esq$^{r}$
cap James Gouch
cap. Sam$^{ll}$ Greenwood
m$^{r}$ Jona$^{n}$ Jackson
Cap$^{t}$ Jeffry Bedgood

are Chosen Overseers of the Poore.

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| pay | John Ellery |
| pay | John Bankes |
| pay | Barth$^{o}$ Sutton |
| appel | Abraham How |
| Excu'd | Hugh Vance |
| pay | William Bant |

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| Sworn | Job Coit |
| pay | Nathan$^{ll}$ Hodgder |
| Sworn | John Cobbet |
| Excusd | Thomas Goodwell |
| Sworn | Will$^{m}$ Nichols |
| pay | Sam$^{ll}$ Holyoke |
| pay | John Bradford |
| Sworn | Andrew Lane |
| pay | Richard Buckley |
| Excu'd | Henry Dyer |

Chosen Constables

[459.] Officers for Rumny Marsh Chosen, viz$^{t}$ John Lane Constable but Excused

Isaac Lewis
Thomas Pratt Jun$^{r}$

fence viewers

Robert Waite
John Whittemore

Hoggreeves

Isaac Wilkenson

Constable

Voted to Chuse 7 Assessors

Voted mess$^{rs}$ Daniel Pouning
John Edwards
Jona$^{n}$ Louring
Sam$^{ll}$ Adams
Sam$^{ll}$ White
Joshua Chever
Andrew Tyler

Assessors for the year ensuing.

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| George Skinner | Sworn |
| Sam$^{ll}$ Welles | pay |
| Joshua Blancher | Sworn |
| Hugh Kelder | pay |
| Sam$^{ll}$ Hunt | pay |
| John Grant | pay |
| Jerām Bumsted | Excus'd |
| Thade$^{s}$ Mecharty | appeal'd |

Chose Constables

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| Thomas Boyer | pay |
| Charles Deming | pay |
| Thomas Inches | Sworn |
| James Gorden | Sworn |

Chose Constables

Silence Allen
Sam$^{ll}$ May
Thomas Salter
Benjā Emmans Sw$^{n}$
Benjā Mason Sw$^{n}$

Sealers of Leather

Voted Joseph Rix
John Simpson

Sam$^{ll}$ Wardell So$^{n}$
Thomas foster
Thomas Barnet S$^{n}$
Thomas Jones Sw$^{n}$

fence Viewers.

Voted Edward Richards
Will$^{m}$ Young
Joseph White
Joseph fitch
Joseph Russell
Joshua Thornton
francis Wardell
Moses Ayres

Vewers of Shingles measurers of Boards &c.

Voted Jeram$^{a}$ Allen
Mich$^{ll}$ Shawler
John Greenlief
John Lane
John Lee
Increase Blake
John Cornish
Edward Langdon

Clerks of the Market al Sworn.

Voted Knight Leveret
Thomas Hancock
Nathan$^{ll}$ Emms
Joseph Calef

Hogg Reeves

Voted Penn Townsend, Nathan$^{ll}$ Byfield, Thomas Fitch Adam Winthrop & Thomas Palmer Esq$^{rs}$ a Comitte to Audit the Trea$^{r}$ Acco$^{tts}$ for the year Ensuing.

[**460.**] Voted that Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ Town Treasurer be alowed & Paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of Eighty pounds for his Service in that office the year past.

Voted That the Select men with Such as they Shall desire to accompany them be the Inspectors of the Schools for the year Ensuing.

Voted That the Several Constables for this year be alowed the Sum of three pence upon the Pound for Collecting the Rates. They paying into the Several Treasurys the one halfe of the Sums Comitted to them to Collect by the first day of feb$^{ry}$ Next and Compleating the wholl by the first day of June next after.

Voted In answar to the Constables Petition.

That the Several Constables for the year past be Intitled to the three pence upon the pound for their Collections they paying in the Several Sums Comitted to them to the Several Treasurers by the tenth day of June next And that the Assessors for the year past be Impowred to make abatements to the said Tenth of June.

John Adams Sworn
Daniel Pecker Excus'd
Edward Marion Sworn
Joseph Webb Sworn

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| Benjā Ustus | Sworn |
| John Welland | pay'd |
| John Hill | pay'd |
| Timothy Thornton | Sworn |

Chose Constables

Voted That the Select men be Surveyers of the Highwayes for the Year Ensueing

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| Benjā Pollard | Sworn |
| Lewis Ventenon | Sworn |
| William Salter | Excus'd |

Chose Constables

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| Thomas Vering | N°. 1 |
| Benjā Bronsdon | 2 |
| francis Righton | 3 |
| Daniel Pecker | 4 |
| Benjā Bridge | 5 |
| Barret Dyer | 6 |
| Nathan[ll] Gardner | 7 |
| Eneas Salter | 8 |

Chose Scavenger[s]

Thomas Bradford

Chose Constable and Sworn

[461.] Voted Tything men for the Several Companys viz[t].

No. 1. William Parkman & Nathan[ll] Ayres
2. Edward Procter & William Shipreeve
3. Adino Bulfinch & Thomas flagg
4. Moses Bradford & Jeram[a] Bumsted
5. Daniel Henchman & Caleb Lyman
6. James Bodwin & Nicholas Boone
7. Natha[ll] Gardner & James Penyman
8. Henry Howel & John Clough.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to prepare a Draft of a Bill about the Duty & power of Tything men & lay it before the Town at their next general meeting for their Consideration.

Voted That the Sum of three Hundred pounds of the Money to be Raised be Imployed in paving. And that the Select men make Some Computation of what Sums will be necessary to lay out in paving this year; and lay it before the Town at their next meeting.

Voted that the Consideration of Raising of Money for the Town be Continued to the next Gen[ll] Meeting.

Voted upon the Petion of m[r] John Walley & Salter about pavement in Water Street. That it be Dismist.

Voted. That it be left with the Selectmen and Such as Shall be Joyned with them to Enquire about a Sutable Person for a Master of the South School and lay it before the Town at the next General Meeting.

Voted That Addington Davenport, Thomas fitch, Tim° Clark, Habijah Savage, Esq[rs], & m[r] Owen Harris be Joyned with the Selectmen in that affair.

Voted that this Meeting be Adjorned untill to morow at two of the Clock after noon.

Being Convened Accordingly —

Voted That the Select-men be Impowred to Draw upon the Town Treasurer the Sum of Three Pence upon the pound. for Rebecca Sanders Exex to Josiah Sanders Late Constable for So much as it appears he paid into the Several Treasurys of the Rates Comitted to him to Collect.

Voted on the Petition of John Yemans Esq$^{r}$ &c. about a Bridge to Nodles Island be Refered to a Comitte to Consider and make Report to the next Gen$^{ll}$ Meeting.

Voted That Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$, m$^{r}$ John Colman, Eward Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$, m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing & m$^{r}$ Ezek$^{ll}$ Lewes be the Said Comitte.

Voted upon Spuriers Petition That it be left with the Select men to Hear his proposals and make Report of their Opinion about it to the next Gen$^{ll}$ Meeting.

[**462.**] Voted in answar to the Petition of mess$^{rs}$ Jona$^{n}$ Williams & Joshua Wroe about Websters' Land.

That Co$^{ll}$ Stephen Minot, Nath$^{ll}$ Green Esq$^{r}$ & m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing, be a Comitte to apprize the Land Petitioned for, and that they haue Liberty to value it at what they may Judg it was worth when Websters' Petition was granted and then the Select men are Impowred to Sell to Williams & Wroe & Execute deeds for the Same

Voted That the Towns votes to Impower the Select men to Sell the Several Quitt Rents about the Town Dock be Revived & Continued in force. And that the Select men for the time being, with mess$^{rs}$ Thomas Cushing Natha$^{ll}$ Green, Ezekiel Lewis, & Henry Dering, Late Select men are Impowred to act in that afair, And that when the Buildings are apprized, the Select men are Impowred to draw upon the Town Treasurer for payment of Said Sums, According to the Town votes of March the 14$^{th}$ 1725 and May the 3$^{rd}$ 1726.

Voted to Chuse a Comitte to Inquire into the Towns Intrest in the Lands and wharfes near adjoying to the South Battery and that the Comitte Consider the Proposalls of mess$^{rs}$ Fitch & Willis, & Report their Opinion to the next Gen$^{ll}$ meeting.

Voted. That Nathan$^{ll}$ Byfield, Elisha Cook, John Ballantine, Joseph Wadsworth, & Nathan$^{ll}$ Green Esq$^{rs}$ be the Said Comitte And that the Said Comitte Consider of and Report the State of the North Battery.

In Answar to the Petition of Capt. John Ballantine and others about the Draw Bridge.

Voted to Chuse a Comitte of fiue persons to Enquire into that afair According to a vote of the Town Mar. 14$^{th}$ 1711.

Voted. That John Clark, Thomas Hutchinson, Thomas Fitch, Joseph Wadsworth, Esq$^{rs}$ & m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing be the Said Comitte.

In answar to the Memorial of Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$ having bin Read & Considered.

Voted that the Sum of fifty pounds be alow'd & paid out of the Town Treasury to Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$ for his Service & Trouble in that afair.

Upon Reading a petition of a Comitte of the New South Church.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Comitte to view the place and make Report therof to the next General Town Meting, And at the Same time to Consider of and Report what Damage (if any) it will be to mr Wolfe if the Said Petition Should be Granted.

[**463.**] Upon mr John Marions Motion about Some Method to provide Wood for The Town &c.

Voted to Chuse a Comitte of five persons to Consider of it and make Report of their thoughts thereon the next Genll Meeting.

Voted. That Messrs John Marion, Beñja. Emmans, Samll Wentworth, Jacob Parker, & James Gouch be the Said Comitte.

Voted. That the Select men together with Messrs Thomas Cushing, Nathanll Green, Ezekiel Lewis & Henry Dering be a Comitte to Consider and Project Some proper method for the better. Improving the Town Dock the wharfs & Buildings adjoyning which are or may be in a Short time delivered up to the Town and that they be Impowred to treat with any persons which may Offer to hire the Same or any part there of upon terms for Lease, not Exceeding the Term of Twenty-one years, And that they Lay Such Scheme or projection before the Town at their next General Meeting, that they may give their directions therein.

Voted. That the Select men be Impowred to Receive proposals of any persons about securing the Towns Marshes at the bottom of the Comon, and lay their opinion what is best to be don therein before the Town at their next Meeting.

Voted that the Select men be Desired to Consider of Some method to prevent the Damnifiing the Pavements in the Streets and lay it befor the Town at their next meeting.

Voted that the Town votes of march the 14th 1725 Relating to grain be all continued in forse for the year Ensuing.

And that messrs Jonathan Williams, Peter Thomas, & Andrew Tyler be the Comitte to manage it.

Voted, That the Consideration of the Motion about Huxters be Continued to the next meeting.

Voted that the Comittes Proposals about building a grainery &c. be Continued to the next meeting for further Consideration.

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Ordered by the Selectmen for the year 1727. That the following Transactions about the Town Dock and Buildings &c. be here recorded with the Records of the Town and is as follows, vizt.

Pursuant to the Town Votes of May the Third 1726: Impowering and Desiring the Select men to take of Care of The Towns Intrest at the Dock, vizt.

To Receive them & Improue them for the Benefit of the Town, and to appoint Sutable Persons, [**464.**] in behalfe of the Town to apprize the Same, and to Draw upon the Town Treasurer for the payment of the apprized value out of the Money appropriated to be lay'd out in a Real Estate, and to make Report how that affair is at the next Generall Meeting in March next.

Accordingly the Comittee mett with Edward Bromfield Esqr for

himselfe and the Heirs of Francis Buroughs Decec'd, Jonathan Belcher Esq$^{r}$, And having mutually Chosen Apprizers of the Said Buildings &c. Made their Return upon Oath as follows, viz$^{t}$.

Wee the Subscribers being appointed & Chosen By Edward Bromfield Esq$^{r}$, for him self and the Heirs of Francis Buroughs Decec'd, and Jonathan Belcher Esq$^{r}$ on the one part, and the Selectmen of the town of Boston of the other part, to make a true and Just apprizement of the Houseing or Tenements Standing on the Towns Land and Wharf on the South Side of the Town Dock now in the Possession of the Said mess$^{rs}$ Bromfield and Belcher who are the Assignees of Valentine Hill, being there unto first Sworn.

Haue accordingly Repared to the Said Houseing and Wharves, and viewed the Same Seperately, And according to our best Skill & Judgment, without any Regard to the Situation or place where the Said Houseing Stands.

Do Apprize & Estimate the Houseing or Tenement with the Chimney in the Possession of the Said Bromfield and Buroughs at the full Sum of forty Pounds, and that it will Cost at least the Sum of Twenty pounds, to Repair the wharfs under the Same.

And we Apprize and Estimate the Houseing or Tenements with two Chimnys in the Said m$^{r}$ Belchers Possession at the full Sum of Seventy-five pounds And that it will Cost the Sum of Twenty-five pounds at least to Repair the wharf under the Same.

Witness our hands this Twenty fourth day of March Anno Domi 1726.

Thos. Foster
James Tilestone
Joseph Russell
John Goldthwait
William Young.

March the 25$^{th}$ 1727

Edward Bromfield Esq$^{r}$ for himselfe & the Heirs of Francis Buroughs Decec$^{d}$ And Johathan Belcher Esq$^{r}$ all Assignes of Valentine Hill mett upon the Pace with the Select men of the [**465.**] Town of Boston and Delivered them the Several Buildings or Tenements and Lands in their Possession, and then in the Occupation of the Persons hereafter named, And by the Said Selectmen, were put into the Possession of the Said Tenements for the Town untill the next General Town Meeting at the Same Rent they were Lett to them by the Said Bromfield & Belcher viz$^{t}$

That of Edward Bromfield Esq$^{r}$, Let by Him to Stephen Pain for Sixteen pounds P$^{r}$ Annum. That of Jonathan Belcher Esq$^{r}$, Lett by him (viz$^{t}$.) To Alexander Fullerton for ten pounds, P$^{r}$ Annum, To Thomas Odel for Twelve pounds P$^{r}$ Annum, To Charles Warham at ten pounds P$^{r}$ Annum, To John Simms at ten pounds P$^{r}$ Annum, the whole amounting to the Sum of fifty Eight pounds P$^{r}$ Annum. All which with the Copy of the Apprizement and the apprizers names were ordered by the Select men to be entred with the Records of the Town.

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qulified being Regulerly assembled in a Publick town meeting at the Town house in Boston, Monday May the 8th 1727:

After Prayer by the Revd mr William Cooper,

Voted that Elisha Cooke Esqr be moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the Town will proceed to the Choice of four Representatives.

The Number of Voters were 204

| | votes |
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| Joseph Wadsworth Esqr | 178 |
| mr Thomas Cushing | 175 |
| mr Ezekiel Lewis | 164 |
| Nathanll Green Esqr | 121 |

are Chosen Representatives

Voted this meeting do adjorn untill three of the Clock after noon—Being mett:

In answar to the Petition of Capt John Ballantine and others about the Draw Bridg.

The Comittee appointed to Inquire into that afair, made their Report as follows:

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of the 13th March 1726, appointing us a Comittee as in the Votes directed.

We have met divers times on that affair & heard Capt John Ballantine & others thereupon & Received and Considered their papers Respecting the Same, and haue Searched the Records of the Town or Selectmen [**466.**] and Considered them, And we find that Several Advantages and priviledges were granted to the Mill owners, In consideration whereof they were Obliged to Build and maintain a Sufficient Bridge for Cart & Horse to pass Safely where the Bridge now is. But we don't any find any Grant of a draw Bridge as a Priviledge to any Persons, but the making and maintaining a Sufficient Safe Bridg was enjoyned the mill owners, as incumbant on them to perform an accott of Several grants made to them as aforsd

Boston, 6th May 1727

John Clark
Thomas Fitch
Joseph Wadsworth
Thomas Cushing

The Said Comittee Report being Read & Debated.

Voted the Said Report be accepted.

A Comitte having bin appointed to Inquire into the Towns Intrest in the Lands and Wharfs Near the South Battery &c. The Said Comitte haue made their Report which is as follows.

The Comittee having Searched the Records of the Town of Boston, Find a grant of the Flats lying before the Town from the Sconce to Capt Scarlets wharff Extending Westward towards the Town as far as a Circuler line then agreed upon and fixed, and Eastward to the Channel, with Certain priviledges & imunities made by the Select men of the Town Pursuant to a Vote and

order of the Inhabitants of Said Town at a Publick meeting Lawfully warned the fifth day of September 1673. To Such of the Inhabitants of the Town as would undertake the Building and Erecting a wall or wharff of wood or Stone from the Said Sconce to Cap^t Scarlets wharff, to be Twenty two foot broad at the Bottom, about fourteen or fifteen high and Twenty foot broad at the top, to be made uniform and Substancial, convenient for a Brestwork to play Guns on, in Proportion to their Several Subscriptions.

And the Honorable John Leverett Esq^r deceaced then Gov^nr Subscribed to Build One hundred and fifty foot of the Said wall or wharff to ly next to the Sconce for the Publick use of the Sconce and Church who Owned the Ground adjoyning, By which the Town had the Seventy five feet next adjoying to the Sconce, with the Priviledges and [**467.**] Immunities belonging to them being the one halfe of the aforesaid one hundred and fifty foot and the Publick (being the Town) first mentioned in the aforesaid Subscription, which wall or wharff is almost wasted and Destroyed by Storms and hath for Some time past bin worn down to the Bottom Loggs.

But we apprahend it may be for the Benefit and advantage of the Town, To put the Same into a Speedy Repair in Such way & manner as they may Judge most advisable.

And further the Comittee think it not advisable for the Town at present to Lease out any part of the Land or flatts at the South Battery, but that Something ought to be don to prevent any further wasting of the Towns Land and Intrest there.

The Committee hauing also viewed the North Battry find the Same to be much out of Repair the Front wharff no way Sufficient to mount the Guns on, and that the Putting the Same into a Posture fitt for a Platform of Guns would Demand a Considerable Sum of money, which Considering the Difficult Circonstances the Town Labors under, We thinke would be too great a burthen for them to bare, more especially for that the work when Perfected will be of Service and Defence to the whole Province. But that the Repairing the Inward Wharffe which is used for the Building of Ships on Should be forthwith Effected.

Boston, May 3^d 1727

N. Byfield
Elisha Cooke
John Ballantine
Joseph Wadsworth
Nath. Green

The Report of the Comitte was Read &

Voted Acceptance of the Said Report. And that the Select men for the Time being be desired & Impowred to Act accordingly.

About the Petition of John Yeamans Esq^r & Others about a Bridg to Nodles Island &c.

The Comitte made their Report viz^t

The Committee having Considred the Subject matter of the Petition together with the objections of Several of the Inhabitants

at Rumney Marsh, Apprahend that the Erecting a good Substantial Bridge from the main at Winnisemet Side to Nodles Island will not be Disadvantagious to the Town of Boston, [**468.**] Provided The Petitioner John Yeamans Esq$^{r}$, be obliged at his Own Cost & Charge to make & Keep in Good & Sufficient Repair the Aforesaid Bridge for ever with Convenient highways to the Same fit for man & Horse, to pass or Repass as well to the Bridge on Winnisimmit Side where the Road may be altered for the Accomodating the Bridge, and so from thence thro' Nodles Island to the place that may be Assigned for Transporting Passengers & Goods from the Island to Boston Provided also the Town Enjoy the Sole priviledge of the Ferry from Boston to the Island, And that the Several Persons whose Estates & Intrest on Rumney marsh may be any wayes prejudiced by Erecting the aforesaid Bridge be made good to them in Such proportion as a Comittee for that purpose by the Great & General Court Shall adjudge. But we conceive the Suffering a ferry from Winnisimmet to Nodles Island til such times as the Bridge can be Conveniently Perfected will be very Inconvenient & of disservice not only to Boston but all Travellers in generall.

Boston, May 4th, 1727.

EZEK$^{ll}$ LEWIS
JOHN COLMAN
ELISHA COOKE
EDW$^{d}$ HUTCHINSON
THOMAS CUSHING.

The Report was Read and Voted, an Acceptance.

In answar To the Petition about the Paving in Orange Street.

Voted That the Pavement be Carryed on as far as the further part of m$^{r}$ Kneelands Land in Said Street if the abutters on Each Side do their part, then it be Left with the Select men to alow what they think proper for the Towns Part.

Cap$^{t}$ Caleb Lyman is Chosen an Assessor. — Sworn.

Joseph Russel — House wright } Chosen
Stephen Pain } Hogreves
John Little }

The Question being Put whether the Town will have a Grainery of their Own by Purchasing or building one.

Voted in the afermative.

Voted that the Selectmen with the Comittee appointed for Grain be Impowred to act in that affair with convenient Speed.

[**469.**] About the Land formerly Leased to W$^{m}$ Munford the Select men being desired by Town Votes to Inquire into the Same. Do Report.

They haue made Strict Inquiery into the Same & find by a Grant and Several Deeds in the Hands of The Hono$^{ble}$ Judge Sewall, That the Town had no Right of Leasing any Such Land.

Voted that the Said Report be accepted.

Voted That m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing, Nathan$^{ll}$ Green Esq$^{r}$, and Ezek$^{l}$ Lewis, be Impowred and Directed to Prosecute in the Law all Such Persons as Shall be found Trespassers upon the Towns Land, Clamed by the Late Eliakin Hutchinson Esq$^{r}$ Dece'd.

The Report of the Comittee appointed to Inquire about a Sutable Person for a School master for the South School &c. Reported That the Comittee had met Several times on that Affair & Debated the matter Relating to the Circomstances of the Town and the Quallifications of a Person, And unanimously agree to Represent mr Peter Blin as a Person well Quallified for that Service.

Voted that the Comittees Report be accepted.

Voted That mr Peter Blin be Constituted and appointed Master of the South School for this year, and untill the Town order other wise.

And that he be paid One hundred pounds Pr Annum for his Service.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be directed to take Effectuall Care to Call in the Remaining part of the appropriated money, (which is out upon Intrest) with all Convenient Speed.

Upon the Petition of Caleb Spurrier, About Carrying water through the Streets &c.

Voted the Said Petition be Granted Provided the Said Spurrier give Security to the Satisfaction of the Select men (before he proceed) to Repair & make Good the Streets wayes & Pavements and keep them in Repair from time to time.

Voted, A Grant of Two Thousand & Eight Hundred pounds, to be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for Relief of the Poor, Defraying the Charge of the watch, Paveing and Other necessary Charges Arising within & for the Said Town for the year Ensueing.

[**470.**] For the Regulating of Trucks, Carts &c. within the Town of Boston.

Whereas This Town hath bin at great Charge in Paveing the most of the Streets, & Considerable Lanes there in, And that Great Damage is don to the Pavement, by Reason of the Extraordinary Weight bourn in Carts & Trucks, in Some Measure Occasioned by the Unsutable Length of Trucks lately made, where by also there is Danger of great Don to Passengers &c in turning of the Trucks in Narrow Streets.

Tis Ordered

That from and after the Expiration of One month next after the Establishment of this Order Whosoever shall drive through any of the Streets, or Lanes of this Town any Trucks whose Sides Exceed the length of Sixteen feet Shall forfeit & pay a fine of twenty Shillings for Every such Offence.

And that whosoever Shall drive any Cart or Trucks through any of the aforesaid Streets or Lanes with more then two Horses at a time Shall pay a fine of five Shillings for every Such Offence.

And that Every Driver who in his Cart or Trucks Shall carry more then One Tun weight at a Load thro' any of the aforesaid Streets or Lanes Shal pay a fine of five Shillings for every Such offence.

And That Every Driver of any Cart, Truck, Dray or Sled Shall while passing through the Streets or Lanes aforesaid, go by the Side of the Thil Horse with his Halter in his Hand, on pain of for-

feiting, of fiue Shillings for every offence or neglect of attending this order.

And that the Tire of the Wheels of all Carts and Trucks that Shall be made after the Establishment of this order Shall be full four Inches in Breadth and the Nayles of the Tire to be Flatt, on pain of the forfeiture of the Sum of ten Shillings for every week the Said Cart or Trucks Shall be Improued in this Town. To be paid by the Owner of the Said Cart or Trucks.

Read and Voted, And Ordered to be Presented to the Sessions of the Peace for their Approbation.

[471.] Upon the Petition of the Comittee of the New South Meeting House — Which was Refer'd to a Comittee to make Inquiery into & make there Report, which was

That they had Vewed the Place and Examined the Records and Deed given by the Town for Said Land & find, that the Select men had power to lay out that Ground for a New Meeting House & Sutable High wayes Round the Same now if the Town See good they may grant fifteen foot of that Way for the Inlargeing of the Meeting House, & there will be near fifteen foot Remaining for a High way, and will be no great Damage to the Ground Possessed by mr Wolf. If the Church Should alow Him or whosoever hath the Right in the Ground fifteen or Twenty Pounds it would be full Satisfaction for that Damage.

Voted the Acceptance of the Report.

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At a Meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Fryday November the 3rd 1727.

After Prayer by the Revd mr Thomas Foxcroft.

Nathanll Byfield Esqr is Chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Voted to Chuse 4. Representatives

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| The Number of voters were | | 214 |
| Elisha Cook, Esqr. | 145 | |
| mr Thomas Cushing | 158 | |
| mr Ezekiel Lewis | 194 | |
| mr Samuel Welles | 123 | |

are Chosen for Representatives.

Upon A notification from the Honoble the House of Representatives of a Petition of Sundry Persons for making a Seperate County in the County of Suffolk, being Read and Considered.

Voted, To Chuse a Comitte to Consider of and draw up an answar and Lay before the Town at the adjorment of this Meeting.

Adam Winthrop, Anthō Stoddard, Thomas Steel, John Ballantine Esqrs and mr John Colman, be the Comitte.

Voted that it be left with the aboue Named Comitte to Consider of the Price of the Several Species that Shall be Sett, for the Constables to Receive them at for Carrying in the Province Tax into the Treasury

[472.] The Pavement in Orange Street hauing bin Carryed on beyond the former Vote of the Town, And being now Represented

by the Select men, that they are of Opinion it will be for the Towns Benefit.

Voted that the Town will pay their Proportion of the Said Pavement out of the Money, which Shall be Raised for the year next Insueing.

Voted that the Consideration of the affair about the New South meeting House be Continued to the next Adjornment of this Meeting.

Voted that this Meeting be Adjorned to Monday the Twenteth of Nov$^{r}$ Currant at Three of the Clock afternoon.

Novem$^{br}$ the 20$^{th}$, 1727

The Inhabitants Mett according to Adjorment and after Prayer by the Rev$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Checkley.

The Comittee Chosen to draw up and answar to the Petition for making a Separate County &c.

Presented their answer. Which was Read & Debated & Voted an Acceptance of the Said Report whis [*sic*] is on File.

Voted That the Representatives of this Town be Directed, (That if the Petition for Dividing the County of Suffolk Should be at the Ensueing Sessions of the General Court again brought forward) To plead that as the Said Petition was directed to the whole Court and the Order to Notifie the Town coming from the House only, The Town cannot So properly make answer thereto.

The Comitte to whome it was left to Consider of the Price of the Several Species that Shall be Sett for the Constables to Receive them at for the Carrying in the Province Tax into the Treasury made their Report and is on file: Read & Voted Accepted.

Upon the Consideration of the affair of the Petition about the New South meeting House after it was Debated

Voted to Chuse a Comitte to Consider thereof, Examine the Grant of the Town, the Deed and the Petition and what may be best to act there upon and Make a Report to the Town at their Next General Meeting.

Voted That Adam Winthrop, Elisha Cooke Esq$^{r}$, & m$^{r}$ Thomas Cushing be the Said Comitte.

Voted that the Representatives of this Town be Desired to Consider of and use their best Indeavors to obtain Such further adition to the Law for Regulating Mills as they Shall Judge Needfull to prevent Inhabitants being Imposed upon by Millers.

[**473.**] At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regulerly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House on Wednesday the 27$^{th}$ day of December 1727

After Prayer by the Rev$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Joshua Gee.

m$^{r}$ John Baker Chosen moderator for this meeting.

Upon the Consideration of the Great Disorders that there are Comitted in the Evening preceeding the Lords Day and the Evening following the Same, by Reason of Sundry Persons with Horses, Carlashes, Carts &c. Coming in and going out of the

Town Late in the Said Evenings to the great Prophanation of the Sabbath:
for Preventing whereof: After Debate thereon. —

Voted. That the Gates at the neck or Line of Defence Should be Shutt, And

Voted That the Watchmen there be ordered to take their Direction from the Select men about Shutting the Said Gates on the Evening Preceeding and following the Lords Days which Gates not to be opened to Lett in or out but upon necessary Occasions.

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At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston monday march 11, 1727.

After Prayer by the Rev$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Chancy.

Elisha Cooke Esq$^{r}$ was Chosen moderator for this meeting.

Sundry Petions Read vizt.

About Paving in Orange Street.

About Paving Near m$^{r}$ Colmans Meeting House.

About Paving in Union Street.

W$^{m}$. Hollowels about Milk Street.

Jeramiah Gridley Petition.

Sundry Inhabitants About a Watch at the Mill bridg.

Sam$^{ll}$ Checkley Esq$^{r}$, Chose Town Clerk and Sworn.

Voted to Chuse Assessors distinct from Select men.

Voted to Chuse 7 Select men

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| Mess$^{rs}$ John Baker<br>Jonathan Waldo<br>Timothy Prout<br>Oxenbridg Thatcher<br>John Hunt<br>David Farnum<br>Jonathan Williams | are Chosen Select men for the Year Ensuing. |

Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ Chose Town Treasurer & Sworn.

[**474.**] The Question being put whether the Town will make any alteration in the Number of Constables of what was in the year last past which was 16. Voted in the Negative.

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| Capt. John Rugles | Excus'd |
| John Greenlief | Excus'd |
| Cap$^{t}$ Philip Lewis | Sworn |
| John Lee | Excus'd |
| Cap$^{t}$ Jonathan Clark | Sworn |
| John Potwin | Paid |
| Nathan$^{ll}$ Gardner | paid |
| Henry Dyer | paid |
| James Townsend | Paid |
| Thomas Boucher | paid |
| Bartholmew Gidney | Excus'd |
| John Salter | paid |
| Joseph Roby | paid |
| John Courser | Excus'd |

Joseph Procter Sworn

Chosen Constables

Post Meridien

Voted to Chuse 7 overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing.

Voted. The Select men to be Overseers of the Highwayes this year.

Daniel Oliver Esq$^{r}$
Timothy Clark Esq$^{r}$
John Ruck Esq$^{r}$
m$^{r}$ James Gouge
m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ Greenwood
m$^{r}$ Jeffry Bedgood
m$^{r}$ Jona$^{n}$ Jackson

Chosen Overseers of the Poor.

Officers for Rumny marsh Chosen.

Sam$^{ll}$ Tuttle Constable Sworn
Isaac Lewis
Jaco Hasey

viewers of fences

Joseph Bill
Sam$^{ll}$ Pratt
Robert Waite
Hogg Reevs

Votes for the County Treasu$^{r}$ Numbered 156. and Sealed up by Consta$^{ble}$ Andrew Lane to be Delivered by Him to the Clerk of the Peace.

Voted to Chuse 7 Assessors.

Mess$^{rs}$ Daniel Pouning Excus'd
Jona$^{n}$ Louring
Sam$^{ll}$ White
Joshua Chever
Andrew Tyler
Caleb Lyman
Will$^{m}$ Downs Excusd

Chosen Assessors.

Adjorned To-morrow — Eight of the Clock.

[**475.**] Tuesday the 12$^{th}$

Benjā Emmans
Thomas Townsend
Robert Williams
Benjā Mason
John Dosset

Chose Sealers of Leather & all Sworn.

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Joseph Rix Sworn
John Indicot
Thomas Barnet
Will$^{m}$ Eustis Sworn
Barth$^{o}$ Sutton Sworn
James Tileston
Hopestill Foster

Fence Viewers

William Lee
William Young Sworn
Edward Mobberly Sworn
Joseph Thornton Sworn
Moses Ayres
Thomas Foster
Joseph Russell
Isaac White
Viewors of Shingles Measurers of Boards, Timbers &c.

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Bartholmew Chever pay
Daniel Pecker Sworn
Richard Quick pay
Roger Dence Sworn
Byfield Lyde pay
Robert Watt Excus'd
Abraham How appeal'd
John Erwin pay
Sam[ll] Coniball Sworn
Charles Dupee Sworn
William Price a Truper
Chose Constables

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Tything men for the Several Companyes Chosen viz[t].
No. 1. William Parkman & Nathan[ll] Ayres
2 Edward Procter & Jona[n] Mountfort
3 Adino Bulfinch & Thomas Flagg
4 Moses Bradford & Jeram[a] Bumsted
5 Daniel Henchman & Sam[ll] Rand
6 John Pitts merch. & Nicholas Boor
7 Edward Gray & James Peniman
8. Henry Howel & John Clough

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Jacob Hird
Henry Wheeler
Knight Leueret
Barth[ll] Gidney paid
John Philips Stationer Paid
Caleb Barker
Sam[ll] Oakes
Benja Thwing
Cornelius Thayer paid
Chosen Clerks of the market.

[476.] Sam[ll] Adams
Daniel Louering
Jeffry Bedgood Excus'd
Chosen Assessors

Whereas the Town are Informed of Several Abuses Imposed on the Inhabitants here, by the Bread Bakers to their Grevious Loss and Damage — for the more Effectual Preventing wherof.

It is the most Earnest Desire of the free holders & Inhabitants Lawfully Assembled at their Annual Meeting. That His Majesty's Justices of the Peace within this Town would be Pleased frequently to viset the several Bakers within the Town and See that they Conform to the Law Referring to the Assize of Bread, And that the Select men would please to do the Same.

Upon the Memorial of the Constables Praying they may be Alowed three months furter time to Collect and pay in what of the Taxes are behind and unpaid, Over and aboue the Ordinary time Limmeted into them, And That the Gent$^{n}$ Assessors for the Year Past may be Continued and Impowred to make Abatements as Usual.

Voted Provided The Constables pay in two thirds of what is unpaid at the ordinary time which may Intitle them to the Three pence P$^{r}$ Pound Collecting.

Voted. That the Select men with Such other Persons as they Shall Desire to Asist them be a Comittee to vissit the Schools as Usual.

Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esq$^{r}$ Town Treasurer be Alowed and paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of Eighty Pounds for His Service in the Said Office for the year last past.

George Hughes
James Dawson Sworn
Henry Gibbs
Zecha$^{ll}$ Hubbard Sworn
Benjā Bronsdon
Chosen Hoggreeves.

Voted That Thomas Hutchinson, Nathan$^{ll}$ Green, William Pain, Jonathan Belcher, Habijah Savage Esq$^{rs}$ or any three of them be a Com̄ to audit the Treasu$^{rs}$ Acco$^{tts}$ for the year Ensueing.

Voted That Elisha Cooke, Nathan$^{ll}$ Green Esq$^{r}$ and m$^{r}$ Ezek$^{ll}$ Lewis be desired to waite upon His Honour the Lev$^{t}$ Governour, To adress Him for a List of the Names of the Gent$^{n}$ of the Troop of Gards for the Towns Information.

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| Thomas Hubbard | pay'd |
| John Cornish | Sworn |
| Benjā Hollowell | payd |
| Ebenezer Chamberlin | Sworn |
| John Marshall Cooper | paid |
| Will$^{m}$ Salter | Sworn |
| John Lane | Sworn |

Chose Constables

[**477.**] Voted. That the Consideration of Granting Money be Continued to the Next General Meeting.

On the Petition about Paving in Union Strett Voted That it be left with the Select men to Act as they Shall find Proper.

On the Petition about Paving in Orange Street —

Voted That the Consideration of it be left with the Selectmen to act therein as they See meet.

The Consideration of the Petition of W$^{m}$ Holwell Refer'd to the Next General Town meet.

On the Petition about Paving near m$^{r}$ Colmans Meeting House

Voted That it be left with the Select men to do therein as they find Proper.

On the Petition of mr Jeramiah Gridley.

Voted That there be a further Addition of Thirty Pounds, Pr Annum to his Sallary which makes Eighty Pounds Pr Annum.

On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for a Watch house being Set up Near the Mill Bridge— Voted That the Select men be desired to Consider thereat and Report their Opinion to the next meeting.

For No. 1. Thomas Vering
2. Andrew Sigorno
3. Habija Savage Esqr
4. Thomas Moffat
5. Capt Thomas Smith
6. Benjā Bridge
7. Robert Pattishall
8. Eneas Salter

Are Chosen Scavengers.

On The Petition of the Comittee of the New South Meeting House.

A Comittee being appointed Novr the 20th 1727.

To Examine into that afair and So what may be best to act there upon And make a Report to the Town at their next General Meeting. Which Comittee make their Report and is as follows vizt.

The Comittee appointed as by the Other side having Examined the Grant of the Town, The Deed and the Petition now depending, Are of Opinion That the Town may without any Inconveniensy Consent That the fifteen feet Petitioned for be Set off to the South Church. But in as much as in the 1715 There was reserved the Priviledge of a Convenient High Way Round the Said Meeting House. We apprahend it Advisable for the Petitioners, in Case they now Obtain the Towns Grant Afterwards to Apply to the General Court for their Sanction.

By order of the Comittee Boston, March the 9th 1727. Adam Winthrop.

Which Report was Read and Voted an acceptance of it.

[478.] Voted That the Select men for the time being be Impowred & Directed to lay out a High way of fourteen feet wide from the land in the possession of mr Wolf near the South meeting House And that the Remainder of the Said Land be for the use of the Said Meeting house, as Petitioned for, And that the Select men Give a Deed of all the Towns Right of the Same The Proprietors Saving the Town harmless forever.

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| Benjamin Clough | Sworn |
| Edward Totthill | Excus'd |
| John Walker mercht | Paid |
| Thomas Goodwell | Paid |
| Jonan Bowman | Sworn |

Chosen Constables

Then the meeting Adjorned to fryday march the 29th Three of the Clock afternoon.

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At a Meeting of the freeholder Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regurly Assembled in the Town house in Boston in a Freeholders meeting On Fryday march 29th 1728.

After Prayer by the Revd mr Wm Welsted.

Elisha Cook Esqr was Chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Voted. That the Town will take out the Towns proportion of the Sixty Thousand pounds being Eleven Thousand & One hundred Pounds Granted by the General Assembly.

Voted. That the Trustees now to be Chosen shall be such as have the Highest votes.

Voted. That the Trustees now to be Chosen be and are hereby Directed and Impowred to Let out the Towns Proportion of Said Money in Sums not Exceeding three hundred Pounds, and not under fifty pounds, To the Inhabitants of this Town, Upon Good Fee and free from all Incombrances, worth Duble the value of the Sum Borrowed, without any Consideration for Building or Improvements, If Personal, The Principle & two Suretys, and of which to haue a Real Estate in fee within this Town of the value of the Sum Borrowed, Exclusive of the Building & Improvements as aforesaid. And that the Trustees for their Service Shall be alowed and Paid out of the Two Pr. Cent, One Sixth part of the neat proceeds of the Intrest Annually. They paying unto the Province Treasurer The Sums So ordered as the Law Directs, And the Remaining One Pr. Cent Intrest into the Toown Treasurer.

And further Ordered and Voted That if any of the Money Shall not be taken up, but Remain in the Hands of the Trustees, After the Expiration of Two Months from the first day of the Trustees Sitting to Let out the Money, which is to be on Wednesday Next.

[**479.**] That then and in Every Such Case the Trustees may Proceed to let out Such Remainder in Sums not Exceeding fiue Hundred Pounds.

Voted That mr John Hunt, Habijah Savage Esqr, mr Andrew Tyler, mr John Baker, and mr Jacob Windal be the Said Trustees.

Then the meeting Adjorned till Monday next the first of April Eight of the Clock fore noon. And mett accordingly & Dismist.

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The Town being met according to the adjornment.

On the Petition of Joseph Webb late Constable for the alowance of the three pence on the Pound for his Collecting the Rates as other Constables altho he paid not the whole in then by Reason of Sickness.

Voted the Prayer of the Petition be Granted.

Jonas Clark is Chosen an Assessor and Sworn.

William Prat Sworn
James Howden Excus'd

Chosen Constables.

Job Coit, James Gauden & George Skinner Late Constables appearing and Representing That by Reason of the Taxes Comming out Later than usual They had not paid in the first part of the Rates According to the Time Perfixed That upon their paying the whole at the Time They may be Intitled to the bounty of the Town of three pence on the Pound.

Voted accordingly

Voted That a Grainery be Built in the Comon near the Alms House, And That the Sum of not Exceeding Eleven Hundred Pounds, To be paid out of the Money to be Raised at the next General Town Meeting.

Voted That mess$^{rs}$ Jona$^{n}$ Williams, Andrew Tyler, and Peter Thomas, be the Comittee for Grain for the year Currant, as the were for the year Past.

Voted That the Comittee for Grain be Impowred to manage the Building the Grainery with m$^{r}$ David Farnum & Sam$^{ll}$ Barret being Joyned with them.

Voted to Chuse a Comittee To Take Care of the Great Artilery and all the Stores at the South Battry and Secure them.

Voted that Edward Hutchinson Esq$^{rs}$ m$^{r}$ Sam$^{ll}$ White be the Said Comittee.

Voted That the Select men be Directed and Impowred to Prosecute in the Law any Such Persons as do or haue Trespassed upon the Towns Land at or near the South Battry & the Land and Wharf near it.

Joseph Savel is Chosen Constable & Sworn.

Voted. That the Select men be Desired and Impowred Effectually to take Care That the Gapps or Openings between the Sconce and Cap$^{t}$ Scarlets Wharf So Called be not Incumbered by Vessells lying on Ground there.

Voted That a Comittee be appointed to Inspect the Ruenous Condition the Out wharfs Granted to Several undertakers anno 1673. are in to the Great Damage of the Town and make a Report to the Town at their Next Gen$^{ll}$ Town Meeting what they thinke may be Proper for the Town to do to Redress that Grievance.

[**480.**] Voted That Co$^{ll}$ Nathan$^{ll}$ Byfield, Thomas Hutchinson, Thomas Fitch, William Pain Esq$^{rs}$ & m$^{r}$ James Bodwin be the Said Comittee.

Voted. That the Town will Support the Charge of another watch house and watch being Set up and Continued at or near the Mill Bridge. The Justices and Select men Agreeing to or appointing the Place as the Law Directs.

Voted That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds of the Money to be Raised be Improved for Paving already don or to be Don.

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Tuesday May the 14$^{th}$ 1728.

After Prayer by the Rev$^{d}$ m$^{r}$ Peter Thatcher.

Elisha Cook Esq$^{r}$ Chose Moderator for this meeting.

Voted to Chuse 4 Representatives
The Number of Voters were 248

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| | Elisha Cooke | 218 |
| mr | Thomas Cushing | 189 |
| mr | Ezekiel Lewis | 220 |
| mr | Samuel Welles | 159 |

were Chosen Representatives.

Thomas Fleet was Chosen Constable for the Present year & Sworn.

Thomas Edwards
William Young Cordwainer
Chosen Clerks of the Market.

Voted. That the Remaining Part of the fifteen hundred Pounds appropriated for Buying of Grain be by the Treasurer put into the Hands of the Comitte for Grain to be lay'd out for Grain as they See ocasion for it.

Voted a Grant of four Thousand and Seven Hundred Pounds To be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charges of the Watch Paving and other necessary Charges Arising within & for the said Town for the year Ensueing.

Voted That a Comittee be Chosen and Desired to draw up Somthing to Lay before the Town at their next meeting To Prevent the great abuse there is in Cord wood not fit for use. And also to Prevent the abuse on the Town in forestalling the Market, or going beyond the place appointed, to buy Provisions, and that also the Said Comittee Project what may be don to Prevent abuses by Doggs, all which to be layed before the Town at their Next meeting as afore Said and That until that time the Comittee make their Report to the Town, The Inhabitants haue full Liberty to go as far as the fortification to buy any Sort of Provisions.

[481.] That Nathanll Green Esqr mr James Gouge, and mr John Colman be the Said Committee.

A Comittee having bin Appointed the 29th of March 1728 To Inspect the Ruenous Condition that the out wharfes are in and make a Report to the Town at their next General Meeting what they think may be propper for the Town to do to Redress that Greivance.

The Said Comittee do now make their Report which is as follows viz.

Pursuant to a vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at their General Meeting the 29th of March 1728 appointed us a Comitte To Inspect the Ruenous Condition of the out wharfes Granted to Several Undertakers in the year 1673.

We haue met and Considered of the Said Grant to the Several Proprietors that Engaged to build the Said Out wharfes and to keep them in Repair, And finding that most of them haue notoriiously Neglected to keep the Same in Repair according to their Engagement made with the Select men then in being.

Do propose That three years time be alowed them to Rebuild the Said wharfes According to their agreement with the Town And that they who do not build up their Respectiue Parts in Said

Term of three years Shall forfeit their Rights and Privileges granted them by the Said Town And that Proper methods be taken in Such Case to declare the Same null & Void.

Thomas Fitch
Wm Payne
Nathll Byfield
Thos Hutchinson

Which Report was Read And Voted Accepted.

Upon Reading a Petition of Sundry the Inhabitants Respecting Carrying on the Pavement in Orange Street And debate thereon. messrs Thomas Emory & Henry Gibbon Offred and Engaged, That if the Pavement be Continued as far as the Dwelling House of Capt John Bennet. That the one third part of the Land lying before the Pasture Land of the Said John Bennet on the Easterly side of Said way Shall be by them well Paved. The Remaining two thirds well and Sufficiently Repared and a good and Sufficient foot way well Graveld at the Cost & Charge of the Said Emory and Gibbon, Said way to be don to the Satisfaction of the Select men. And if the Money apropriated for Pavement being three hundred Pounds at the last march meeting be Insofficient to Effect what is already ordered to be Expended in Paving and Continuing it in Orange Street Southerly as far as the Dwelling House of the aforesaid John Bennet. That then the Said Thomas Emery and Henry Gibbon will advance and pay what falls Short of the Three hundred Pounds upon the Town's Refunding them what the Amount may be the year Coming.

The aboue Proposals being Read, The Vote was Put whether they would order & direct the Pavement in Orang Street to be Continued & Carryed on as far South as the Dwelling House of the Said John Bennet on the west Side of the way.

It Past in the affermative.

[482.] Voted That the Petition of Wm Hollowell about Milk Street for further Consideration be Continued to March meeting next.

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House June the 25th 1728.

After Prayer by the Revd mr Benjamin Colman.

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

The Comittee Chosen may the 14th 1728. To Draw up Something to Lay before the Town at their next meeting. Which Comittee make their Report and is as follows vizt

Pursuant to the Town vote aforesaid.

We are of Opinion That no Popler, Chestnut, Pine, Henlock, Sassifax, Black ash, Basswood, or Ceder Shall be Corded up or Exposed to Sale with or among any firewood within this Town of Boston on Penalty of Twenty Shillings for Every Range that Shall haue the Quantity of Eight feet of Square Timber of all or Either of the aforesaid Poplar, Chestnut, Pine, Henlock, Sassifax, Black Ash, Basswood or Cedar or Corded within the Same, And that

Black Ash Shall be Corded by it Self and Sold as Such. The Several Sealers of wood appointed within this Town are hereby Directed not to Seal any Range of wood not corded as aforesaid.

And that for the Future No Person Exerciseing the facculty of Buying Provisions for Sale within this Town of Boston Shall by them Selves or others, Buy Contract or Bargain for any Sort of Provisions of what Nature or kind soever, brought or Bringing to Town for Sale untill three of the Clock afternoon on Penalty of forfeiting and Paying the Sum of Twenty Shillings for Every Transgression of this order.

That no Person Shall keep any dog or Bitch within this Town of Boston. Except House keepers that are Quallified to Vote in Town Meetings, and they no more then one at one time, under the Penalty of forfeiting and Paying the Sum of fiue Shillings P^r week for their So doing.

NATHLL GREEN
JAMES GOOCH.
JOHN COLMAN

Boston, June 24^th 1728

The whole Report was Read Over And then Each Paragraph Singly.

Voted the first Paragraph about wood And Accepted.

Voted. The Second Paragraph About Provisions & accepted.

Voted the third Paragraph About Doggs be continued to the adjornment. That the Comitte draw Somthing further about it for Consideration then.

[483.] The Report of the Comitte about the Out wharf that was layed before the Town and Voted by them may the 14^th 1728.

Voted that the Said Report be Comitted to the Representatives of this Town and that they be Desired to Lay it before the Gen^ll Court and take proper methods to haue it Confirmed.

Voted. That the Select men for the Time being be desired & Impowred to Prosecute in the Law any that do or Shall Obstruct or hinder the Passages through the Gaps of the Out wharf.

Voted. that Some Draught be prepared to lay before the Town at their meeting in order for a By-Law to Prevent Gaming with money or other things in the Street.

And that Negroes may be Restrained from Carrying Sticks or Cains in the Street, by Day or Night under a Penalty.

And That no Indian Negro or Molatto Servant or Slave be Suffered to buy any Sort of Provisions of any Country People under the Penalty of fiue Shillings.

Voted. This meeting be adjorned to Monday July the first at Six of the Clock in the after noon.

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July first.

The Town being mett according to adjornment.

Sundry Votes being Past June the 25^th last and to be drawn up for a Town Order were Presented viz^t.

Whereas there are Several Sorts of Wood not fit for Burning in famalys, Corded up and Exposed to Sale with and among Fire-

wood which is much to the Damage of the Town in General, But Espesially of Such Persons who are unacquainted with those Sorts.

It is Therefore Voted and Ordered.

That for the future no Popler, Chesnut, Pine Hemlock, Sassafox, Black Ash, Bass wood, or Ceder, Shall be Corded up or Exposed to Sale with or among any fire wood within the Town of Boston on Penalty of Twenty Shillings, for Every Raing that Shall haue the Quantity of Eight feet of Square Timber of all or Either of the Aforesaid Popler, Chesnut, Pine, Hemlock, Sassifax, Black Ash, Basswood or Ceder Corded within the Same.

And That Black Ash, Shall be Corded by it Self and Sold as Such. And the Several Sealers of Wood appointed within this Town, are hereby Directed not to Seal any Rang of wood not Corded as aforesaid.

Voted for a Town Order.

Whereas the Several By-Laws and Orders heretofore made for Preventing the Forestalling, or Ingrossing Provisions, & Regulating Hucksters within the Town of Boston have Proved Inefectual,

It is therefore Ordered, That for the Time to Come, No persons Exercising the Faculty of Buying Provisions for Sale within this Town of Boston Shall by them Selves or others, Buy, Contract or Bargain for any Sort of Provisions of what nature or kind soever, Brought or Bring to Town for Sale untill three of the [**484.**] Clock afternoon On Penalty of Paying the Sum of Twenty Shillings for Every Transgression of This Order.

This was Sundry times Read over and Voted.

Whereas Sundry Inconveniences and Disorders of late haue bin taken notice of within the Town of Boston, By young People, Servants & Negroes Playing in the Streets with money Papaws &c.

It is Therefore Ordered That no Person or Persons what soever Presume to play with English Halfe Pence or for things or any other Sort of Corn, or with Shells, or Papaws or any thing of that nature or kind within any of the Streets, Lands or alleys, wharfs yards or Back Sides within the Town of Boston, On Pain of forfeiting and paying the Sum of five Shillings for the first Offence And upon a Second Conviction the Sum of Ten Shillings to the use of the Poor of the Town of Boston.

This was Read Sundry times and Voted.

It hauing bin Observed & Complained of by Sundry of the Inhabitants That there has bin Great Disorders and Quarelling to the Disquating of the Inhabitants of the Town by Reason of Negroes Carrying Sticks about the Town with them.

For Preventing whereof Voted and Ordered.

That no Indian, Negro, or Molatto within the Town of Boston, Except Such as are Lame or Decriped, Presume to Carry any Stick or Cain Either by Day or Night, as a walking Stick or Cain that may be fit for Quarreling of fighting with, or any other thing of that nature, On Penalty of Paying five Shillings, and for the Second offence Ten Shillings, And in Case any of their Sticks or Cains haue Iron Ring Ferrel Spear or Nayle found in the End

thereof They Shall Pay Duble the Fines aforesaid for the use of the Poor of Boston.

Read Sundry times and Voted.

Whereas the Great Number of Doggs keep in Boston is found to be very Detremental Thro' their Worrying Chaseing & Wounding the Catle Sheep and fowles And Ocasioning the Butchers to keep their Sheep Housed in the Night which is much to the Damage of this Town in General.

Ordered. That no Person Shall keep any Dogg or Bitch to go at Larg within this Town of Boston, Aboue Ten Inches High, and that it may be at the Liberty of any of the Inhabitants of this Town, That find any Such Dogg or Bitch aboue that height going at Larg by Day or Night to kill the Same.

This was Voted to be Continued to the Next Gen^ll meeting for Consideration.

It being found by Experience That Indian Negro & molatto Serv^t or Slaves Buying of Provisions in the Market Place or Else where has Inhanced the Price of Provisions: for Preventing where of

Ordered. That no Indian Negro or Mollatto Servant or Slave be Suffered to Buy any Sort of Provisions of any of the Country People on pain and Penalty of forfeiting and Paying the Sum of fiue Shillings. But it is not to be understood, but that any Such Servant may direct any Country People to his or Her master or Mistres [485.] which master or mistris or other white Servant may agree for the Same.

Read and Continued to the Next Meeting for further Debate.

The Comittee appointed to Consider of an Project Some Proper Method for the Better Improving the Town Dock, The Wharfes & Buildings adjoying, and to lay Such Scheme or Projection before the Town at this Meeting, Haueing met Several times and Consulted together upon that afair. Are humbly of opinion That the Old Buildings Adjoying to m^r Dolbears Shop as well as those on the South Side of the Dock be Repaired Either at the Charge of the Town or those that may Hire them for a term of years not Exceeding Twenty one, as Shall be found most for the benefitt of the Town. And that a Building of two Storyes Sutable for Shops be Erected on the wharf at the South Side of the Head of Burdens Creek, fronting on the Street, Westerly & Southerly, of Such Dementions as may be found Proper & Convenient Also that the Town Wharfe be Continued and Extended Easterly to Joyn the wharfs before the warehouses in the Possession of Mess^rs Allins, Hough, Cushing &c. Viz^t On a Line from the North east Corner of the Present wharfe, to the North part of Said Allins warehouse, and So the whole South part of the Dock to be filled up, And a Street of a Sutable bredth to be layed out from the Head or Westerly part of the Said Wharfe Down Eastward to the wharfe now before Said warehouse. And a Rainge of Low Shops to be Erected on the Premisses as Persons Shall appear to Hire them. That the Select men for the time being Impowred and Directed to manage and Persue those Projections as in their Prudence they Shall Judge most for the Benefit and advantage of the Town..

All which is Humbly Submitted by Ezek[ll] Lewis.

In the Name & by Order of the Comittee.

The Report of the Comittee Aboue was Read & Voted May 8[th] 1727.

And that the Select men are Impowred & Directed to act accordingly and Lay their Proceedings before the Town.

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston Sep[t] the 30[th] 1728.

After Prayer by the Rev[d] m[r] Joseph Sewal.

Jonathan Belcher Esq[r] Chosen moderator for this Meeting.

His Excellency Governor Burnets Speech being Read, the Several Answars and Replys on Each Side, and Votes Relating thereunto being Read & Considered.

It was proposed

Is it your minds, That there be a Salary Setled upon a Governor for the time being. Please to manifest it.

Voted in the Negative. Nemine Contra Dicente.

Whether They would have A Salary Setled on our Present Governor for any Limited time.

Voted in the Negative

Nemine Contra Dicente

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[NOTE. — A few pages of deeds and agreements were written at the end of this volume of the town records. These will be duly noticed in our tenth volume of reports, now in press.—W. H. W.]

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